

Washington Snap Shots

From now until November 3 the heavy smoke screen of politics will hover above 127,000,000 Americans. Much that affects all of these persons will be done from a political viewpoint. Behind almost every public statement that is made, the political sharpshooters will peer for a political ghost.

A few more days and the counting of ballots to determine who shall govern America during the coming few years will begin. Maine goes to the polls September 15 to elect a Governor, Senator and Members of Congress. In addition to other state offices. And the saying is that "as Maine goes so goes the nation." This like many axioms, is not entirely true but it is true that Maine may and often does definitely indicate a trend toward the final result in November. Some political observers have delved back into history, and found that while it is not strictly accurate to say that Maine definitely forecasts the November result always, it is true that whenever there is a lop-sided vote one way or the other, the nation usually follows.

In addition to the Maine elections the wave of straw votes is beginning. Despite those who scoff at these, most people who know their politics watch these indicators intently. This writer recalls one cabinet officer in the Hoover Administration who stated the day after the election that although up to the final moment he was publicly predicting reelection for Mr. Hoover, he had realized from the Literary Digest poll that defeat was inevitable.

The usual summer news lull in Washington has stimulated the worries of some about debts and deficits. When news gets slack, energetic newspapermen become analytical. They write what are called "hot weather stories"—stories that might be passed up when Congress is in session but which, nevertheless, are true.

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One that caused a lot of Washington discussion broke down last fiscal year's receipts and expenditures. It showed this:

Total tax collections by the Bureau of Internal Revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30 amounted to \$3,448,000,000. Thus the federal government spent 99 per cent of last year's internal revenue taxes on relief.

That left practically nothing for ordinary operations of the government machinery.

The result was that the federal debt grew by an amount almost exactly equal to relief expenditures.

Another interesting fact developed in one of these "hot weather" stories is that the average cost of federal relief for every person in the country was \$24.75. That is not how much was spent for each person on relief, but the average cost per citizen. In other words, each man, woman and child in the land, on the average, contributed \$24.75 for relief last year.

The cost to individual citizens—some of whom paid special state relief taxes and some of whom did not—ranged from \$12.95 in Iowa to \$97.32 in Nevada.

One reporter got curious about assertions that the existing federal debt would be retired by children and grandchildren of present taxpayers. Here is what he found.

The post-war federal debt reached its high of \$25,234,000,000 in 1919. By 1930, it had been cut down to \$16,185,000,000. That was a reduction of \$8,222,000,000 each year.

The present federal debt is around \$35,000,000,000. If times again became as good as they were on the average from 1919 to 1930—when the United States experienced the greatest prosperity of its history and when taxes were rolling in faster than ever before—it would take 41 years to pay the existing federal debt.

No Sentiment?

A special edition of three copies was put out recently by the Pittsburg, (Kan.) Sun, contradicting the usually accepted story that newspaper men have no sentiment.

All because of the illness of the society reporter, then on her deathbed. The regular edition told of the helpless condition of Miss Florence MacLean, for 19 years a writer for the Sun, who had failed to rally after an operation. Unexpectedly, that morning, she improved and called for the Sun.

Realizing the effects that must follow her inspection of the story about her on page 1, the Sun force hastily substituted a story emphasizing her improvement and printed the special edition of three copies. The revised story was read by Miss MacLean a few hours before she died.—American Press.

Civil Service Exams To Fill Vacancies

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examination as follows:

Director of education, \$6,500 a year, Bureau of Indian Affairs.
Aeronautical engineers, various grades, \$2,500 to \$4,500 a year.
Agricultural aids, various grades, \$1,200 to \$2,000 a year, Soil Conservation Service.

Public health nursing consultants, various grades, \$2,600 to \$4,600 a year, and public health nursing assistant, \$2,000 a year.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Two 4-H Members To Attend Show as Guests of Bank

Two 4-H Club members in Jackson County will be given an opportunity to attend the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, according to an announcement made public this week by Eugene Thorndike, Manager of the Medford Branch of the Portland bank.

The First National is sponsoring a 4-H Club competition in Portland and in Multnomah, Clatsop, Tillamook, Coos, Klamath, Wheeler, Washington, Sherman, Morrow, Marion, Jackson, Linn, Wasco, Lake, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Malheur, Deschutes and Gilliam Counties. The

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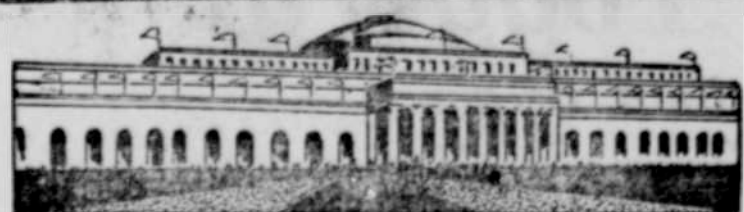
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boy and girl winning in each of these club districts will be brought to Portland, all expenses paid, as guests of The First National for a three-day visit at the Livestock International.

H. C. Seymour, state club director, is working out details for a competition in which one boy and one girl will be selected in this county for their outstanding leadership and achievement in club activities.

20 Counties Free Of Motor Deaths Says Secretary

Twenty counties of the state scored perfect records in July with no fatalities from automobile accidents reports Earl Snell, secretary of state. Four of these counties, Crook, Gilliam, Sherman, and Wallowa showed a clean slate with no listing of injuries resulting from similar causes. The tabulation has just been completed from accident records supplied by county sheriffs and city police officers.

Fatalities numbered four in Multnomah, Malheur, and Tillamook counties during the month, while

Deschutes and Marion each contributed three to the death score. Columbia, Hood River, and Umatilla had two each, and one fatality occurred in Baker, Grant, Jackson, Lincoln, Linn, Polk, Wasco, and Washington, bringing the total for the state to 32 deaths.

Crook was the only county of the state to report no accidents during the entire month. Car crashes resulted in 729 injuries in July and 3,933 accidents were recorded.

The 20 counties on the honor list are: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Harney, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Morrow, Sherman, Union, Wallowa, Wheeler, and Yamhill.

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