

BATTLE ON FOR HOUSE, SENATE SPEAKERSHIPS

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SALEM.—The Oregon returns in the recent battle of the ballots were not without their usual quota of surprises, not the least of which was the astounding plurality amassed by President Roosevelt. While this state had been pretty generally conceded to the democratic candidate not even his most rabid partisans had anticipated the landslide which swept every county in the state—including rock-ribbed republican Benton—into the Roosevelt column. Republicans who had conceded a Roosevelt victory in this state had grudgingly estimated his margin of victory at 15,000 to 20,000. Democrats, on the other hand, had claimed the state for their candidate by anywhere from 40,000 to 75,000, a few of the more wild-eyed partisans boosting the margin to as high as 100,000. The voters gave him a plurality of more than 143,000.

Only a little less surprising than the huge total rolled up by Roosevelt was the strength displayed by Willis Mahoney, democratic candidate for United States senator who, carried along on the crest of the democratic landslide and with substantial aid from his Townsendite admirers, came within 6,000 votes of unseating the veteran Charles L. McNary, republican floor leader in the senate, and generally accounted an easy victory in the race for reelection.

Alfred Dobson, democrat, who was expected to give the veteran I. H. Van Winkle a hard race for the attorney generalship did so, coming within 11,000 of winning.

One of the most unexplainable results of the election was the big vote polled by the old age pension amendment which came within 5,500 votes of carrying and which, had it been approved, would have completely disrupted the state's old age pension set-up, drying up the state and county old age pension funds and leaving nothing with which to match federal aid to the aged.

THE PERSONNEL of the next legislature determined, the race is now on full tilt for the gavel wielding jobs in the house and senate. For the second time in half a century—the other instance being in 1935—the democrats will control the house organization with 38 members in that body with the possibility of one more dependent upon the outcome of the race in Umatilla county where C. A. Moll, democrat, is still trailing Carl Engdahl, republican, by a mere handful of votes.

French Contribution to Touring



This overnight tent is carried packed up on top of the car and can be unfolded and made ready for a comfortable night in ten minutes. The frame in front supporting the structure serves as a ladder for entering and leaving the tent. The front flap has a zipper at each side.

lican, by a mere handful of votes.

The senate remains republican, 18 to 12, but with several of the majority members decidedly independent in their voting, anything might happen in the line-up on organization. Frank Franciscovich of Clatsop county has been an active candidate for the senate presidency ever since the 1935 session and is known to have lined up considerable support for the job. However there is a possibility that several of the republican members may refuse to support Franciscovich in which event the majority members may turn to Robert M. Duncan of Harney county who is in a receptive mood but not actively campaigning for the honor. On the democratic side of the senate two possible candidates for the presidency are being mentioned—W. H. Strayer of Baker and Walter E. Pearson of Multnomah. Strayer, veteran member of the senate, has always been popular with his colleagues and possibly could win the honor if he goes out for it. Pearson has announced that he will seek the presidency if Strayer does not.

In the house there is a great show of activity on the part of aspirants for the speakership, the list including Bull of Union, floor leader in the 1935 session; Hyde of Lane; Boivin of Klamath; Hosch of Deschutes; Barnes and Alber of Multnomah. Of these Boivin or Hyde can be expected to receive the support of the state administration as well as the votes of the conservative republicans in the house in the event of a showdown between either of these two and one of the other and more radical members of that body.

Several veterans of past sessions will be absent from the forthcoming session. In the senate Corbett, Lee and Bynon of Multnomah; Wallace of Deschutes; and Fisher of Douglas all went down to defeat. Chinnoch of Josephine, Aitken of Washington, Hazlett of Hood River, Hess of Union and Zimmerman of Yamhill did not stand for reelection. Most serious loss to the house will be the loss of Hill of Lane, Snider of Lake and Wells of Multnomah, all of whom went down to defeat in the democratic landslide.

● Gustaf Hjalmer Hedberg died November 7 at the age of 70 years and nine days. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. November 9 at the Episcopal church, the Rev. Mitchell officiating. Interment was in Ashland cemetery.

● Among those to spend the week-end in Ashland for homecoming were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Mills of Talent, Bob Patterson and Maxine Thompson of Medford.

● Bill Edsall has returned to his home in Reno, Nev., following two weeks spent here visiting with friends and relatives.

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the operations of the new budget economy in all state activities and to the operations of the new budget control act. At the same time he warned against "any attempted raid on the treasury" by pressure blocs "for their own selfish interests."

CONSOLIDATION of state-owned lands in eastern and southeastern Oregon to increase their value for grazing purposes has been proposed by State Treasurer Holman who has been assured of the support of Governor Martin and Secretary of State Snell for his plan. At the present time the state's holdings consist of scattered sections 16 and 32 in each township, set aside by the federal government for school purposes. It is proposed to transfer these scattered holdings, totaling 694,730 acres to the federal government for similar land in larger blocks to form practical grazing units. Such a transfer is provided for in the Taylor grazing act enacted by the 1935 congress.

Among the new activities for which the next legislature will be asked to provide financial support will be that of a state mining bureau. Sponsored by the state planning commission, this new department will seek an appropriation of \$50,000 to cover its operations for the forthcoming generation. The planning board's proposal calls for a governing board of three non-salaried members and a paid director to be selected by the board. A similar program was defeated by the last legislative session after a bitter fight in which the opposition was led by Senator Strayer, democrat, of Baker county.

Six dead and eight injured was the toll of grade crossing accidents in Oregon during October, according to records compiled by the public utilities commission. The October death list sets a new high record for grade crossing casualties in this state, topping the May, 1936, record by one fatality.

The state has whittled \$14,500,000 off its load of bonded debt in the past eight years, according to Governor Martin. The state's bonded debt reached its peak at more than \$63,000,000 in 1928, the governor pointed out. Most of this debt was represented by bonds of the highway department and the bonus commission. Calling attention to the huge bond issues floated by both California and Washington during the past few years the governor declared that Oregon was "riding high, wide and handsome amidst debt-ridden states."

For the third consecutive month September gasoline taxes rolling into the coffers of the state of Oregon exceeded the million dollar mark. Revenues from this source for the quarter ending September 30 totaled \$3,331,697, according to Secretary of State Snell. This brings the total for the nine month period to more than \$8,000,000 as compared to \$9,150,229 for the entire 12 months of 1935.

● Mrs. Bob Pinson and son Bobby of Dunsmuir are visiting with Mrs. Pinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hughes for a week.

● Mrs. Louis Dodge was called Saturday from Portland to Los Angeles by the sudden death of her brother-in-law, C. J. Rafferty.

● Allan Prescott of Chiloquin visited in Ashland for a short time Tuesday.

● Mr. and Mrs. W. Walkemeyer of Victoria, B. C., have arrived in Ashland to visit with their son, William Walkemeyer, for several weeks.

Musical Notes

By LAWRENCE HUBERT

● Mrs. Alice Willits, pianist of the Orchestral society, is confined to her home with the flu. It is hoped she recovers right away so she can try the new high-pitch piano that Lew Hansen is installing in our house at the demand of the wood-wind and brass players of the orchestra.

● Lew says that it's going to cost money now but that if we had called him before election he might have done it for nothing, thus producing a few more votes. That will be remembered!

● Betty Adams, one of the younger violinists, played two solos at Sunday school the other day. It was her first appearance in public and we hope the beginning of a long string of triumphs for the young lady.

● Carl Loveland, well known as the former Ashland band and orchestra leader, is now teaching music in public schools of San Luis Obispo, Calif.

● Matt Dennis, brother of Billy Elhart, is the piano player with the orchestra of a well-known Hollywood night spot.

● Alicia Applegate stood for a solid half hour in front of a local barber shop recently debating whether a certain young flute player was to have her beautiful locks shorn or whether she was to let them fly to the breeze until more fortune would force her through the doors of the cut and clip fraternity. Fourteen trips were made between the shop doors and the curb and as her puzzled expression faced the curb once more the observer left, not knowing what the momentous decision had been!

● Mary Roberson is getting all primed to present another violin recital for the benefit of the local music lovers. Of course her legion of friends are looking forward to the event and, to those who don't know, let it be said that she always puts on a peach of a performance.

● Flossie Thompson, pianist who will play the accompaniments, is reported to be slowly but surely losing weight over the many intricacies they present.

● FAVORITE TUNES: Dorothy Briggs' first request always was "Celito Lindo"—Ward Howell never wants anything but "La Golindrina" or "La Paloma"—Corrine Robinson always manages to drift into "Pale Moon" and some column or other in this paper—Ethel Houston (Mrs. Ward Howell to you) swells the ranks of those who love "Star Dust." Alice Jonas romances over "The Waltz You Saved for Me" and after much thought and deliberation La Verne Roberson chalked up one for "Did I Remember."

● Rosa Franco, former waltz queen saxophonist, is employed at the Bedell store in Portland and is reported to be slowly waking up Portland's clothes consciousness. She would!

● Ruth Hardy, waltz queen, complains that she always has to climb in on top of the pile when

the boys and girls go places and overload their cars, as they will. Ruth is going to buy a spare automobile seat and put it on her front porch just to see how it feels to sit on cushions again.

● Mrs. H. S. Aikens, pianist, has organized what should be a pretty nice string quartet, judging from the musicians she is working with. String quartet playing is recognized as the highest form of ensemble music and she is to be complimented on this attempt which not only will be a delight to listeners but will be of inestimable value to those who perform in it. The members of the organization are Mary Roberson and Francis Aikens, violins, Andrew

Johnson, viola, and Paul Icenhower, cellist.

● Violin strings are not made from cat gut but are a by-product of the sheep industry. The largest manufacturers of violin and gut strings in the world is the Armour Packing company!

● CODA: Two tomcats were sitting on the fence the other day.

Cat No. 1: Hello Bill, where's your brother Jim who used to be around last year?

Cat No. 2: Haven't you heard? He's in the first fiddle section of the Philadelphia symphony this season!

● Mrs. H. C. Galey and Louis Dodge returned from Portland Monday.



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