

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Battle of Ballots
Reckless Death
Historical Scroll

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SALEM.—With a record registration of 546,034 voters eligible to participate in next Tuesday's election, a record vote is expected as thousands of men and women wend their way to the polls in 1625 precincts in every nook and corner of the state to express their preference for candidates and measures on state, county and city ballots.

At the last presidential election in 1932 a total of 377,932 Oregon voters exercised their franchise. If the increase in voting this year keeps pace with the increase in registration the total vote at Tuesday's battle of the ballots should exceed 425,000.

Interest in the presidential, congressional and state contests in Oregon at this stage of the campaign is confined pretty much to speculation on the majorities which the successful candidates will poll, the result so far as the victor in these major offices is concerned being pretty much "in the bag" barring unforeseen upsets which are apt to creep into even the best regulated of contests—athletic or political—to discredit the prognostications of the best informed dolester.

In the legislative contests, however, there prevails a spirit of uncertainty that bids fair to make many of the contests anybody's race until the final reports are in. While the political forecasters earlier in the campaign were freely predicting the restoration of Republican domination in both House and Senate at the next legislative session the surprising gains made by the Democrats in the registrations with nine counties now showing Democratic majorities and several others remaining Republican by the barest of majorities the outcome of the legislative races in many districts is shrouded in doubt.

The Republicans have a decided advantage in the fight to control the senate. Of the 14 hold-over members nine are Republicans and only five are Democrats. If the Democrats are to dominate this branch of the law-making body they must elect 11 of the 16 members to be chosen next Tuesday. While this is not an impossible feat, it is a highly improbable one and it is a pretty safe guess at this time that the Republicans will organize the next senate, just as they have every senate in this state for more than 50 years. In this connection it is interesting to note that of the 16 members of the senate whose terms are expiring, eight are candidates for re-election. These include Walter S. Fisher of Douglas county, Allan A. Byrom, Harry L. Corbett and Dorothy McCullough Lee of Multnomah county; N. G. Wallace of Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake; W. H. Steiwer, of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler; Robert M. Duncan of Grant, Harney and Malheur; and Isaac E. Staples, formerly of Multnomah, but now a candidate from the new 24th district comprising Lincoln and Tillamook counties. Five former members of the House are also seeking promotion to the senate, including W. A. Johnson of Josephine county; E. L. Ross and John A. Thornburg of Washington; and Homer D. Angell and William L. Dickson of Multnomah.

It is around the political complexion of the next House that the greatest uncertainty exists. Here with all 60 members to be elected anew both parties start from scratch and with Democratic registration closely crowding that of the Republicans, partisans of Jackson and Jefferson are out to retain control over this branch of the law-making body which they wrested

from the Republicans in 1935 for the first time since 1878. This is entirely within the realm of probabilities. Much depends upon the outcome in Multnomah county where many of the Democratic nominees have had the endorsement of the Townsendsites. If the Democrats can elect all or even a majority of the 13 representatives allotted to Multnomah county it is entirely probable that they return enough out-state members to organize the next House. If, on the other hand, the Republicans elect their legislative candidates in Multnomah county, most of whom have the advantage of greater experience and wider acquaintance, then in all probability domination of the House organization will again return to that party.

Forty-eight tons of paper, nearly three car loads, were required for the official voters pamphlet, copies of which went out to each of the 546,034 registered voters in Oregon during the past week. Printing of the pamphlets which were nearly 50 percent larger this year than ever before, required 3,500,000 impressions and the postage bill for mailing alone amounted to nearly \$7,000. Arguments for and against the eight measures on the November ballot required 48 pages.

Salem landlords who were threatening to raise their rents on offices occupied by state departments have agreed to postpone the increases until after the first of the year. Department heads affected by the proposed increases pleaded that they had no funds with which to meet the additional cost. Most of the state departments which were forced to move into downtown office buildings when the old capitol burned are renting on a month-to-month basis with no lease to protect them against higher rentals.

Secretary of State Snell proposes to make motoring tourists feel that they are really welcome when they come to Oregon in the future. The new non-resident permits for 1937 will bear the label "Guest of Oregon."

Death continues to ride the Oregon highways with more reckless abandon than ever. The year 1936 bids fair to make a new all-time high record for traffic fatalities. Already in the first nine months of the year 215 persons have lost their lives as a result of traffic accidents on the highways of this state, compared to 185 for the same period last year. Traffic accidents, totaling 22,302 for the year to date, are nearly 50 percent ahead of the 1935 record as also are the number of injuries resulting from traffic accidents.

Evidence that the state flax industry is a loser on a paying basis is to be found in the fact that it turned \$50,000 into the state's general fund this week to apply on a loan made several years ago when the then infant industry was in the experimental stage.

A scroll containing the signatures of Governor Martin, State Treasurer Holman, Secretary of State Snell, the seven members of the capitol reconstruction commission and the 99 legislators who served in the 1935 session, is to be placed in the corner stone of the new state house. Copies of all resolutions, bills and other proceedings relating to the new capitol will also be deposited in the corner stone. Fred Drager, veteran chief clerk of the House, is now gathering the material. Construction of the new building is expected to start about December 1.

A drive for a new tuberculosis hospital to be located in Multnomah county has already been started. The Oregon Tuberculosis association has announced its intention of asking the next legislature for an appropriation of \$200,000 to

finance the new institution, authority for which was given by the voters at a special election in May, 1934.

Eighty-three Oregon motorists had their drivers' licenses revoked during September, 80 for driving while intoxicated. Thirty-six other motorists had their licenses suspended, 18 of these for reckless driving. While one-third of the state's motorists reside in Multnomah county only seven of the 80 drunken driving cases were reported from that county.

Superintendent Pray of the state police was this week authorized by the board of control to install a crime detection laboratory in the pathology department of the University medical school at Portland. The legislative session of 1935 appropriated \$5000 for the laboratory.

It is now five years since a prisoner was hanged at the Oregon penitentiary. James E. Kingsley, the last man to pay the supreme penalty for murder in this state, was hanged on October 30, 1931, for killing Sam E. Prescott, Ashland police officer.

CCC CAMP NEWS. Alvin Kleingeldt, pastor of the Church of Christ, and Mrs. Ida Armstrong were guests at the local CCC camp last Wednesday night. Mr. Kleingeldt conducted the services of the Camp Heppner church. His sermon was "Playing Life as a Football Game."

A. W. Middleton, chief of operations of the SCS department in Spokane, was at the camp to make inspection of camp operations.

Eight members of the local Methodist church attended a district meeting held in Pendleton Tuesday. They were Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Neva Cocheil, Mrs. S. E. Notson, Mrs. A. R. Gibb, Miss Dora Bailey, L. W. Briggs and Rev. R. C. Young.

Ford Says America Has Had Enough of New Deal

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 14.—(AP)—The text of Henry Ford's endorsement of Presidential Candidate Alf Landon follows:

Gov Landon honored us with a brief visit at Dearborn Tuesday. I gained three very distinct impressions of him: First, he is exceptionally well-informed and has had experience along many lines; second, he is able to speak his mind in the frankest possible way—he is open and honest in his opinions; third, he knows where he stands because he has thought things through.

Gov. Landon's mind has not been warped. He is a business man who knows how to make both ends meet, and he is a sympathetic, thoughtful person. He ate out of a dinner bucket for years and he still thinks along with the men who carry dinner buckets. It is not a pose with him—it is his nature. After having this long talk with him I admire and believe in him; I hope he is elected.

I am not criticizing the New Deal—I only say that we have had enough of it, we have had about all the country can stand. It's intentions may have been good, but its performance was very poor.

I doubt if American mechanics are going to regard \$15 a month twenty-five years from now as very much "social security." New Deal wages were always the lowest possible because they were set at depression levels, and now "social security" is defined at the level of about 50 cents a day twenty years from now. Everybody must know that it doesn't mean anything. Next January we must begin taking money out of our men's pay envelopes and turn it over to the government. The wage does not belong to the man who earns it so far as this tax on it is concerned; he is not permitted to handle it; his

employer must deduct the tax from the pay envelope.

We seek ability to pay higher wages, to give buyers more value, to find methods that are less expensive, to keep prices and profits low in order that volume and wages and service may be high. That's the American system that's brought us where we are. And nothing better has been turned up to take its place.

BACK TO FRANKLIN. Franklin preached that no individual or no political body could spend more than they had and remain solvent. Franklin's contention is every bit as sound today as it was then.—Governor Alf Landon.

RHEA CREEK GRANGE NEWS. The regular meeting date for Rhea Creek grange is Nov. 1st. The group will put on the afternoon program. The hall has been treated to a new coat of kalsomine, also a new stage curtain. With the electric light plant recently installed and hot and cold water in the kitchen, makes out hall quite modern.

Grange social night is Tuesday, Nov. 30th. The evening will be spent playing "Cootie," also a swap game where each member is to bring a well wrapped article to

"swap" with someone. For refreshments, bring sandwiches and salad.

Mrs. Olaf Bergstrom who has been ill with a cold and threatened with pneumonia is improved.

A number of dinners have been given by an aluminum agent. Mrs. Ruth Bergstrom, Mrs. Roy Lieualen, Mrs. Clive Huston and Mrs. Frank Parker were hostesses for these dinners in the Eight Mile community.

A number of Rhea creek folk attended the pioneer reunion at Lexington. Mrs. Ray Wright held the lucky number to the cedar chest. The lovely fancy work in the chest was made by the ladies of the Rebekah lodge of Lexington. A dance will be given at the hall Saturday, Nov. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket will leave for Portland this week end.

Mrs. E. E. Clark has returned to her home here after accompanying her husband to Roseburg where he is convalescing from his recent severe illness. Mr. Clark is now able to get about some on crutches, and is showing quite rapid improvement, Mrs. Clark said.

DANCE AT CECIL. Halloween's dance at Cecil, Sat., Oct. 31; games, stunts, favors. Good time for all. Everybody welcome.

Rooks-E.O.N.S. Football Clash Sat. at Pendleton

Pendleton, Oct. 27.—(Special)—One of the finest football games to be seen in eastern Oregon this fall will be played here in the Round-Up arena Friday afternoon, November 6, starting at 3 p. m. The contest will bring together the Oregon State college freshmen and Eastern Oregon Normal school of La Grande. It will be the first college game played in Pendleton in several seasons and the Round-Up city is making elaborate plans for the occasion.

Eastern Oregon Normal has one of its best teams in many seasons and the Oregon State college freshmen can be depended upon always to play good football. A parade will be held through the Pendleton business section prior to the game in which bands of the normal school and Pendleton will participate.

Mrs. Evelyn Snow and baby son departed today for their home in North Carolina after visiting for several weeks with relatives here. She was a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Crockett Sprouls.

Judge and Mrs. W. T. Campbell returned this week from a visit at the home of their daughter in Canada.

PLAY SAFE! Keep Oregon Out of the Power Business Avoid More State Bonds The State Power Bill is useless without at least \$18,000,000 of new State Bonds. A vote for the Bill commits you to vote later for the Bonds. VOTE 313 X NO Against the State Power Bill

YES! LIMIT TAXES ON HOMES & FARMS THIS IS YOUR BILL! YOUR DEMAND FOR FAIR PLAY! 1. STOPS future tax increases on homes and farms. 2. REMOVES present threat of wholesale seizure of property for taxes. 3. REDUCES frills and waste in public expense. 4. PROVIDES generous additional funds for schools. 5. OPENS Oregon's door to new settlers and investors. 6. GIVES taxpayers a voice in future tax levies.

Get on the BANDWAGON WITH LONDON and M'NARY LONDON & KNOX NATIONAL TICKET For President ALF. M. LONDON For Vice-President FRANK KNOX For U. S. Senator CHARLES L. McNARY FOR CONGRESS 1st District—JAMES W. MOTT 2nd District—ROY W. RITNER 3rd District—WM. A. EKWALL STATE TICKET Attorney General—I. H. VAN WINKLE State Treasurer—RUFUS HOLMAN

VOTE FOR G. A. Bleakman WRITE-IN CANDIDATE for COUNTY JUDGE and mark his name with a cross Election November 3, 1936 (Paid Adv.)

Save Existing Safeguards THE PROPOSED constitutional amendment titled "Amendment Forbidding Prevention or Regulation of Certain Advertising if Truthful", would, if enacted, invalidate all existing laws controlling misleading, deceptive, indecent and even fraudulent advertising. In Behalf of Honesty, Decency and Morality VOTE 303 X NO! Portland Better Business Bureau, Inc. Lyle L. Janz, Manager (Paid Advertisement)

Tax delinquency in Oregon is now \$46,510,724.53. And growing year after year. It's time to call a halt! Pd. Adv. by Home & Farm Owners Assn. of Oregon, Amodeo M. Smith, Pres., 600 S.W. Washington St., Portland, Oregon

VOTE TO LIMIT PROPERTY TAXES 310 X YES

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