STATE CAPITAL

By A. L. LINDBECK

- 538,000 Voters
- Medal from Norway
- 16,000 PUC's

Salem.-A total of 538,100 men and women are eligible to vote in Oregon's primary balloting, according to a tabulation of registration figures by Secretary of State Snell. This is a gain of 16,875 over the pre-primary registration two years

A recapitulation of the registration shows that the republican voters continue in the majority by 21,-497, with a registration of 276,246 compared to 254,749 in the Democratic ranks. In fact the Republicans registered a net gain of 4534 over the Democrats during the two years for while the Republicans added 11,114 volunteers to their list since 1938 the Democrats could account for a gain of only 6580 in the two year period.

While the Republicans continue in the majority for the state as a whole the Democrats make the largest showing in thirteen of the state's 36 counties. These include Baker, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Multnomah, Union and Wallowa. A total of 7105 voters who are registered as Independents, Socialists, Prohibitionists, etc., will not be able to participate in the primary elections.

The state board of control is cooperating with Malheur county ranchers in their effort to increase dairy herds and provide a profitable source of consumption for their surplus hay crops. Heifer calves from the state herds at the penitentiary and state hospital farms are being sold to Malheur county buyers at a very low price, the board announced this week. Depletion of the sheep bands which formerly consumed much of the hay grown in that section has resulted in a serious situation with farmers unable to dispose of their crops. The introduction of dairy herds into southeastern Oregon, it is said, will also enable that section to meet the needs for milk and butter through local production.

ing to the annual report of Seth B. Thompson, state insurance commissioner. This figure represents an increase of \$28,500,000 over the amount of life insurance carried by citizens of this state the year before. Death claims and dividends paid to Oregon policy holders and their beneficiaries during the year aggregated \$14,276,905.

In appreciation of the courtesies shown to Crown Prince Olay and Princess Martha of Norway upon the occasion of their visit to Oregon last year Governor Sprague was presented with a medal of the order of St. Olav's this week. The medal awarded by King Haaken VII, was presented to the governor by Emil P. Slovarp, Norwegian vice consul at Portland.

Oregon's capital was invaded by a band of pirates this week but no loot was taken so far as can be determined by a casual check of state house ash trays and other souvenirs. The "pirates," Coos bay booster organizer, called on Governor Sprague to insist upon a bigger and better display of Oregon products at this year's San Francisco fair.

Another attempt to take the state game commission out of politics is to be made by the Oregon Wildlife REASON DURAN PASSES Federation which this week filed preliminary petitions for an initiative measure proposing the reor- Duran, whose death occurred in ganization of that body. Under the Spokane that day. Mr. Duran was a proposed measure the commission resident of Lexington at one time would be known as the Oregon and was a brother of Mrs. Jerry bers of the commission would be many years. He was a cousin of the appointed by the governor, as now, late E. S. Duran. Funeral services ed from the state at large they Lake, Wash.

would be selected from five wildlife conservation districts into which the state would be divided.

It's the prize that puts the crime in pinball. So the state supreme court ruled this week in dismissing a suit against W. R. Fuller of Portland, owner of a pinball-baseball game. Arrested for violation of the state lottery law Fuller appealed to the courts. In dismissing the suit the high court held that the whole purpose of the statute prohibiting the operation of slot machines, pinball games and similar devices was to discourage gambling. Inasmuch as the game in question offered no reward in the form of prizes but was played strictly for amusement the court held, the element of chance had been removed and there was no violation of the Oregon statute involved.

More than 16,000 trucks and trailers are operating in Oregon under PUC permits, it was reported this week by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner. Revenues of the motor transport division of the public utilities department for the first quarter of 1940 aggregated \$372,176, compared to \$328,338 for the same period last year, Bean reported.

Oregons two national guard infantry regiments have been reorganized during the past week to conform to the modifications recently adopted by the regular army to increase the fire power of infantry regiments without adding to the manpower. One of the principal changes brought about by the reorganization was the designation of the three machine gun companies in each regiment as heavy weapon City Dads Invited companies and the augmentation of their fomer armament of .30 calibre to League Conclave machine guns, pistols and rifles with .50 calibre machine guns and 81 mm. mortars. Armament of the rifle companies is also being augmented with the addition of .30 calibre machine guns and 60 mm. mor-

Roy Mills, the newly apointed supervisor of institutions in the Board of Control organization, took over his duties this week. Miles, former ly employed with the state banking department, will act as coordinator between the board and the heads of the several state institutions. Max F. Rogers, former assistant purchasing agent, who was transferred from the Board of Contral organization to make room for Mills, is now Oregon citizens were carrying an engaged in the collection of the aggregate of \$729,584,914 in life in- state's share of fines due from jussurance at the end of 1939, accord- tice courts, as an employee of the treasury department where he displaced Glenn Savage who formerly handled that work.

> State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson and Louis Griffith, clerk of the state land board spent the first of this week in southern and eastern Oregon inspecting farms and ranches which are being offered as securities for loans from the irreducible school fund.

Talented Violinist to Play Saturday

A program of unusual interest has been prepared by Mrs. Grace Turne for the lecturer's hour Saturday evening at Lexington grange. Miss Anne Tierney, graduate of the Whitman conservatory of music, Walla Walla, will play several numbers. Miss Tierney is a talented violinist and to give music lovers an opportunity to hear her, Mrs. Turner has extended an invitation to the public to attend.

The program will start at 8 o'clock and will include special Mother's Day numbers.

Miss Tierney will be accompanied at the piano by Miss Mary K. Crumbaker of Walla Walla.

Mrs. E. S. Duran received word Thursday of the passing of Reason Wildlife commission. The five mem- Phillips who resided in Heppner except that instead of being select- were held Saturday at Medical Morrow County subject to the will

SENATOR REX ELLIS

From Umatilla, Union and **Morrow Counties** Republican Candidate for

U. S. CONGRESS

To the People of Eastern Oregon:

When I first went to Salem as state senator, the farmers of Oregon could not use their trucks to help out a neighbor, and if they owned a truck they were not allowed to hire it out, under penalty of fine and imprisonment. Through my efforts and my senate bill repealing such laws, a farmer may now use his truck for hire in practically any way he pleases.

I raised the price of liquor and added \$3,000,000 additional money for old-age assistance. While we thy cause, three million dollars will Primary Election, May 17, 1940. purchase some additional comfort (Pd. Adv.) for my elderly friends.

I think it is a crime that we allow wheat and livestock to come in from foreign countries in competition with our Eastern Oregon farm-

I am against recognition of dictator nations that imprison the clergy, deny freedom of religious worship, freedom of the press, and peaceful assembly. We should refuse to recognize any foreign power which gives financial support to foreign agents in this country.

I pledge you that if you send me to Washington as congressman from the second Oregon district, I will work, plan, connive and fight for your best interests.

REX ELLIS. Paid Adv.

Mayor George Bleakman and the city officials have been invited by Mayor Theodore Dichter of Seaside to attend the 15th annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities May 23 and 24 at Seaside.

Invitations to attend the Oregon Finance Officer's association conference to be held May 22 in conjunction with the league meeting have been mailed to all local government finance officers by city recorder Gault Patton of Seaside.

According to an announcement by William Hall, acting executive secretary of the league, participation by Oregon city officials in open forum sessons on problems of rural fire protection, municipal finance, city planning, zoning, public employees retirement, municipal insurance, recreation, traffic control and public health will feature the annual meeting.

New sections are being organized this year for special groups in the league, including city attorneys, municipally owned utility managers, civil service commissioners and airport managers.

RETURNS TO STORE

J. A. Anglin has returned to his post at the Safeway store after an absence of several weeks due to illness. Mr. Anglin is not resuming the work schedule which resulted in his breakdown in health but is taking care of managerial duties, leaving the "counter jumping" to other members of the force. He and Mrs. Anglin returned to Heppner Saturday evening after a two weeks jaunt over the northwest, which included visits at Lewiston Couer de Alene, Idaho; Pomeroy, Palouse, Spokane, Grand Coulee, Yakima and Seattle, Wash.

Many a serious accident has been pevented because some driver exercised good judgment.

ESTRAYED-Three head Hereford cows, one 2-year-old, brand invisible; two 4-year-olds branded CHC. Anyone knowing of these animals please notify W. C. McClintock, Ione, Ore.

You may smile at safety, but you can't laugh off an accident.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR SHERFF

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of of the Republican voters at the May

17, 1940, primary election. ELBERT L. COX. (Pd. Adv.)

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby announce that I shall be a candidate to succeed myself as Superintendent of Schools of Morrow County, Oregon, subject to the will of the voters at the Primary Election on May 17, 1940. (Pd. Adv.) LUCY E. RODGERS.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I hereby anounce myself a candidate to succeed myself to the office of District Attorney of Morrow County, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the Primary Election on May 17, 1940. (Pd. Adv.) FRANK C. ALFRED.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby announce that I shall be a candidate for the office of County need still more money for this wor- Superintendent of Schools, in the MARIE CLARY.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county commissioner subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow county at the Primary Election, May 17,

L. D. NEILL, (Paid Ad.) Incumbent.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER: I hereby announce myself a can-

didate for the office of county commissione subject to the will of the Republican voters at the Primary Election, May 17, 1940. Paid Ad. G. A. BLEAKMAN.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce that I will be a candidate to succeed myself to the office of Sheriff of Morrow County, Oregon, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the Primary Nominating Election, May 17, 1940. (Pd. Ad.) C. J. D. BAUMAN.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the office of County Clerk, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the Primary Nominating Election to be held May 17, 1940.

If nominated and elected, I will continue to conduct the office in an honest, efficient and economical manner,

CHAS. W. BARLOW, (Paid Adv.) Present Incumbent.

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