

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

By A. L. LINDBECK

- Biggest Surprise
- Defense Financing
- Lower Delinquency

Salem.—The biggest surprise in Friday's primary election in Oregon was the weakness revealed in the support for John Nance Garner in his race to capture the state's ten delegates to the Democratic national convention. While it was not anticipated by unprejudiced observers of the political picture that Garner would receive the endorsement of Oregon democrats it had been expected that he would receive a large protest vote from anti-New Deal and anti-third term conservative Democrats. The small Garner vote is attributable to two factors: first a switch of large numbers of conservative Democrats to the Republican camp in disgust over the capture of the party organization in this state by the Commonwealth Federation and other left wing groups, and, secondly, by the war hysteria which played directly into the hands of the Roosevelt forces during the past week and which, undoubtedly caused many wavering Democrats to support the president in this time of crisis who otherwise would not have done so.

Sharing the fate of his presidential candidate Charles H. Martin, former governor of Oregon, also went down to defeat, running sixth in a field of 13 candidates for the four positions of delegate at large to the Democratic national convention.

Defeat of Lyman Ross for the Democratic nomination for state treasurer was another upset of the political dope which is readily explained by the heavy vote received by A. L. Brown in Multnomah county, his home, where he ran two-to-one ahead of Ross.

The big Multnomah county vote was also a factor in the nomination of Leslie Scott for state treasurer by the Republicans although an analysis of the state vote shows that he would have been nominated without the Multnomah county vote but with a much smaller margin over Earl Hill, the Lane county candidate who ran second in the three-cornered contest.

The heavy preponderance of anti-PUD sentiment in Oregon as revealed in Friday's voting was another surprise to most observers who had expected the contests to be close at least. Defeated in five of the six proposed districts advocates of public ownership and operation of electric utilities were victorious in only the Nehalem Basin project, a small district comprising largely rural territory. In most of the other proposed districts the vote against organization of a peoples utility district was overwhelming.

The national administration's huge defense program should be financed through increased taxes and not through an increase in the national debt, Governor Sprague declared in an address before Oregon reserve officers meeting in their annual contact camp in Salem Saturday. The governor declared that the people of the United States have become flabby in 20 years of peace and doubted that the youth of the nation possessed the "guts" to stand up under conditions of modern warfare.

The state board of control has ordered a study of vacation and sick leave policies of the several state departments and institutions in a move to make these practices uniform throughout the state organization. According to Secretary of State Snell who has made a preliminary study of the situation each department now operates under its own rules in allowing its employees time-off with pay in case of sickness or for vacations.

With a charter membership said to exceed 40 a local of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees has been or-

ganized among employees of Oregon state institutions and departments. Insisting that the "union" is "non striking" leaders of the organization declare that their efforts will be concentrated upon the introduction of civil service and retirement pay for public employees.

Oregon's tax delinquency has been reduced by more than \$1,662,000 in the last two years according to reports compiled by the state tax commission. Delinquent tax payments which totalled \$40,775,000 at the end of 1937 were down to \$39,112,412 by the end of 1939. This represents a reduction of nearly \$7,400,000 from the peak of \$46,510,000 in tax delinquencies reached in 1935.

Only 12 of the state's 36 counties failed to report improvement in their tax picture during the two year period ending December 31, last. These were Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Jackson, Josephine, Lincoln, Malheur, Morrow, Multnomah, Tillamook and Yamhill. In most of these counties the increase in tax delinquencies was comparatively small although in the case of Multnomah county it amounted to \$423,000 and in Tillamook county to more than \$390,000.

Lane county made the best improvement in its tax picture, reducing its outstanding delinquency by \$610,000 during the year while Douglas county reduced its tax delinquency by \$360,000.

State tax officials point out that the greatest degree of improvement was recorded in those counties showing the greatest activity in tax foreclosures.

Reports from county tax collectors show that 83 percent of the 1939 levy had been collected by the end of the year with Sherman county heading the list with collections of nearly 92 percent and Grant county reporting collections of 89 percent of its current levies. On the other hand Curry county collected only 60 percent of the 1939 levies during the year with Lincoln county reporting collections of only 62 percent.

State Treasurer Pearson has started out on the trail of procrastinating justices of the peace who are delaying the payment of more than \$72,000 in traffic fines to which he claims the state is entitled. In some instances, Pearson declares, justices have remitted fines after they have been assessed, in violation of

the law. In other cases non-residents of the county have been permitted to return to their homes on their promise to remit and have then failed to keep their promise. Pearson proposes an amendment to the state law which would permit state police to serve bench warrants to compel the appearance of these delinquent violators in court at their own expense, in an effort to improve the collection of fines Pearson declares that fines imposed by justices of the peace in most instances are very reasonable and declares that there is no legitimate reason why a convicted offender against the traffic laws should not be compelled to pay his fine, one-half of which goes into the coffers of the state if the arrest was made by a state police officer.

There is no legal means by which a delegate to a national party convention can be held to his pledge to support the people's choice for president and vice-president, according to state election officials. In the only opinion bearing on the subject, written by Attorney General George M. Brown back in 1916, he held that "the primary law does not attempt to provide a method whereby a candidate may be forced to keep his pledge. This has been confined entirely to the conscience of the candidate and the judgment of the people."

Senator Ronald Jones of Marion county has let it be known that he will sponsor a measure before the next legislature providing for the taxation of municipally owned utilities on the same footing as Peoples Utility districts and remove the doubt that now exists as to the validity of the taxing provision in the PUD act.

Jack Fitzpatrick of Portland spent the week end in Heppner visiting his mother, Mrs. Evelyn McDowell. Jack is a student at Grant high school and looked into the matter of obtaining work here for the summer. He returned to Portland Sunday to complete the school year. Lyle Watts, chief regional forester from Portland, and Carl Ewing, supervisor of the Umatilla National forest, Pendleton, spent the week end here inspecting the local forest district.

Notice of School Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 1, of Morrow County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of the said district will be held at Council Chambers on the 17th day of June, 1940, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year, beginning June 17, 1940, and ending June 16, 1941, hereinafter set forth, and to vote on the proposition of

BUDGET

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Estimated balance on hand at the beginning of the fiscal school year (third Monday in June) for which this budget is made	
To be received from delinquent taxes	\$ 1,000.00
To be received from the County School Fund	3,500.00
To be received from book rentals	500.00
To be received from the Elementary School Fund	2,200.00
To be received from the State Irreducible School Fund	470.00
To be received for Vocational Education (State and Federal Funds)	1,087.50
To be received from the Non-High School District for:	
Tuition	4,800.00
Transportation	2,800.00
To be received from tuition for elementary school pupils	2,720.00
To be received from other sources	100.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

GENERAL CONTROL		
Personal Service:		
Superintendent	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Clerk	125.00	125.00
Stenographers and other office assistants	150.00	150.00
Compulsory education and census	10.00	10.00
Supplies	70.00	70.00
Elections and publicity	37.50	37.50
Legal service (clerk's bond, audit, etc.)	40.00	40.00
Total Expense of General Control		\$ 2,165.00
INSTRUCTION—Supervision		
Personal Service:		
Principals	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Supervisors	300.00	300.00
Supplies, principals and supervisors	30.00	30.00
Total Expense, Supervision		\$ 910.00
INSTRUCTION—Teaching		
Personal Service:		
Teachers	\$ 9,240.00	\$ 7,567.50
Smith-Hughes, Home Economics, and Agriculture		1,087.50
Agriculture & Home Economics Transportation		230.00
Band	225.00	225.00
Supplies (chalk, paper, etc.)	235.00	235.00
Textbooks	300.00	400.00
Chemistry, Home Economics and Music	35.00	100.00
Total Expense of Teaching		\$19,880.00
OPERATION OF PLANT		
Personal Service:		
Janitors and other employees	\$ 810.00	\$ 810.00
Janitor's supplies	200.00	200.00
Fuel	390.00	390.00
Light and power	310.00	310.00
Water	110.00	110.00
Telephone	35.00	35.00
Total Expense of Operation		\$ 3,710.00
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS		
Repair and maintenance of furniture and equipment	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Repair and maintenance of building and grounds	550.00	550.00
Total Expense of Maintenance and Repairs		\$ 1,300.00
AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
Library:		
Personal Service (librarian, etc.)	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Library books	100.00	200.00
Supplies, repairs, etc.	5.00	7.50
Health service:		
Personal service (nurse, etc.)	22.50	22.50
Supplies and other expenses	40.00	40.00
Transportation of pupils:		
Personal service		2,800.00
Other auxiliary agencies		
Personal service	40.00	40.00
Potty cash	50.00	50.00
Band music	35.00	35.00
Hot lunch	65.00	65.00
Total Expense of Auxiliary Agencies		\$ 3,867.50
FIXED CHARGES		
Insurance	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Total Fixed Charges		\$ 300.00
CAPITAL OUTLAYS		
Alteration of buildings (not repairs)	\$ 120.00	\$ 628.00
New furniture, equipment and replacements	455.00	255.00
Other capital outlays:		
Typewriters	150.00	250.00
Total Capital Outlays		\$ 1,858.00
DEBT SERVICE		
Principal on bonds	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,950.00
Principal on warrants	1,000.00	1,000.00
Interest on bonds	1,275.00	1,275.00
Interest on warrants	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Debt Service		\$ 6,225.00
EMERGENCY		
		\$ 1,000.00

RECAPITULATION

Total estimated expenses for the year	\$41,215.50
Total estimated receipts, not including proposed tax	19,177.50
Balance, amount to be raised by district tax	\$22,038.00

INDEBTEDNESS

Amount of bonded indebtedness	\$23,500.00
Amount of warrant indebtedness on warrants issued and endorsed "not paid for want of funds"	8,000.00
Total Indebtedness	\$31,500.00

Dated this 7th day of May, 1940.

Signed: DAISY SHIVELY, District Clerk; C. N. JONES, Chairman, Board of Education.

Approved by Budget Committee May 7, 1940.

Signed: C. W. BARLOW, Secretary Budget Committee; M. L. CASE, Chairman Budget Committee.

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