

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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- Primary Interest
- Liquor Vote
- Land Blocking

Salem.—Only 54 per cent of the registered Democrats took the trouble to go out to the polls to vote in the recent primary election. The Republicans did a little better, mustering approximately 60 per cent of their voting strength for active participation in the biennial battle of the ballots. Both of these percentages allow for a ten per cent tolerance over and above the total vote cast for the most hotly contested office on the two tickets, so that they can be regarded as high rather than low.

Democratic interest in the primary contest centered largely in the presidential preference with a total of 126,098 votes cast out of the 254,749 registered. Of these Roosevelt received the endorsement of 109,913 Oregon democrats for a third term while 15,584 Democrats expressed a preference for John Nance Garner.

In the Republican camp greatest interest was evidenced in the race for the state treasuryship with 150,864 votes cast in this contest—75,231 for Leslie M. Scott; 51,499 for Earl Hill and 24,134 for Floyd Cook.

Voters of Oregon are going to have an opportunity to pass judgment on the Knox liquor control act next November. Commonwealth, Inc., an organization seeking repeal of the act has completed petitions for an initiative measure which would wipe the Knox act off the statute books. The repeal measure, if approved by the voters, would take the state entirely out of the liquor business and place the sale of all alcoholic drinks in the hands of privately licensed establishments. Sponsors of the repeal measure claim

that their program would increase revenue for relief and old age pensions by \$750,000 a year.

Ralph Campbell, for the past ten years attached to the staff of the attorney general has resigned effective September 1, to enter private practice. For the first five years of his service with the state Campbell was legal adviser to the Industrial Accident Commission. Upon the creation of the Unemployment Compensation commission in 1936 he was transferred to that department as head of its legal staff. Attorney General Van Winkle has announced that Campbell will be succeeded by H. L. Lister, new attorney for the accident commission, while C. L. Marsters, Newport attorney, will succeed Lister as attorney for the accident commission.

The Oregon School Fund committee, composed of representatives of some 20 Portland organizations interested in education, is vigorously opposing the recently announced program of the State Land Board for the administration of school lands.

The committee is particularly opposed to blocking of school lands around private holdings. Such a policy, its spokesmen claim, would enable the stockmen to dictate the lease prices. They are also opposed to long term leases on the ground that improvement in range conditions now under way will make these lands more valuable and insure a larger return to the school fund in a few years.

Instead the school fund committee is supporting a policy of blocking the school lands in 16 to 20 large areas of from 25,000 to 200,000 acres each for lease to associations of stockmen on a year-to-year basis. Such a policy, they insist, would insure a revenue of \$60,000 to \$80,000 a year to the school fund instead of the \$10,000 now being received from grazing leases or the \$20,000 which the Land Board hopes to get under its new policy.

Oregon will receive \$2,385,000 for highway improvements under the

\$1000 WINNER



Ted T. Kirsch, Maupin, 1939 graduate of Oregon State College and long active in 4-H club work, who has won the men's \$1000 U. S. D. A. extension service scholarship in Washington, D. C., for 1940-41.

federal aid bill just passed by Congress, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. This amount, Baldock said, does not include an additional \$1,250,000 to be spent on forest roads within the state.

Anticipating substantial price increases in many commodities as a result of new federal taxes, the Board of Control has authorized the State Purchasing department to lay in extra supplies of items which can be stored without loss. As a result of the board order the department is contracting for a year's supply of many commodities ordinarily purchased on a six months basis.

The states of California, Washington and Idaho contribute 75 percent of Oregon's summer tourists, according to statistics compiled by Secretary of State Snell. California alone accounts for more than 50

Anniversary Show Attracts Numbers

Approximately 400 people visited the office of the Pacific Power & Light company Tuesday as guests to the 30th anniversary show, reports Ray P. Kinne, local manager. From the time the show opened until the closing hour, 10 p. m., the exhibitors were busy showing the equipment and other items making up the display.

One exhibit claiming interest was the several types of artificial light in use since 100 B. C. These involved wicks and oils of various kinds up to the coal oil lamp period, and then followed Edison's first electric light and developments of the electric globe up to the present, including the later fluorescent tube which is fast gaining popularity. Pictures of the company's generating plants and other production equipment were on display, as well as the earliest electric ranges, refrigerators and washing machines distributed by the P. P. & L. in 1910.

Demonstration of the black light drew the attention of most of those visiting the show. Few of the spectators could understand the technical explanation of this new development in electricity but all could enjoy the startling effects produced by application of the light upon various objects. As one example, the great Wrigley sign in New York, largest in the world, reproduced in plain black ink on regular halftone paper, when placed before the black light stood out in all the natural colors of the original sign. Objects placed before the light will give off light rather than reflect it.

WAR ROUTS AUTOS

Nearly 1,000,000 of England's 2,300,000 automobiles have been forced off the roads by high taxes and stringent restriction of the use of gasoline since the start of the war, according to the Oregon State Motor Association.

percent of the visitors to this state.

Dr. Grover C. Bellinger, superintendent of the Oregon Tuberculosis hospital, has just been honored by election as vice-president of the National Tuberculosis association at its session in Cleveland, Ohio.

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ABOUT BEER AND ALE

AN OPEN FORUM OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION: WHY IS BEER CALLED THE BEVERAGE OF MODERATION?

ANSWER: Because beer's alcoholic content is low. Temperate, moderate nations of the world...and their people...prefer beer.

QUESTION: DO BEER AND ALE REALLY AID THE FARMERS?

ANSWER: Since re-legalization the brewing industry has bought 25,000,000,000 pounds of farm products. That has helped farmers... particularly during the depression years.

QUESTION: JUST WHAT ARE BEER AND ALE MADE OF?

ANSWER: Beer is made by a natural fermentation process... from malted barley and other grains, hops, yeast, water. Nature makes beer. The brewer makes it good beer (and ale).

QUESTION: HOW MUCH DO BEER TAXES CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT?

ANSWER: Beer contributes \$1,000,000 a day... \$400,000,000 a year... to help pay the costs of government... local, state and federal. *Everybody* benefits from this contribution.

QUESTION: DO BEER AND ALE MAKE JOBS FOR WORKERS?

ANSWER: Beer and ale have already made a million jobs. This employment is wide-spread... all over the country. More than 100 other industries benefit from beer and ale.

QUESTION: HOW IS THE BREWING INDUSTRY COOPERATING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS?

ANSWER: The Brewing Industry is actively on the side of law and order. A "self-regulation" plan to eliminate retail abuses has already been put into effect in a number of states in co-operation with law enforcement authorities. This plan is being extended. We would like to tell you about it. Write for an interesting free booklet. Address: United Brewers Industrial Foundation, 19 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y.

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