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It Was Some Election!

Well, it's all over, and who's doing the shouting! Not yours truly—not much of it, it might be said. It is true that Oregon slipped back into the ranks of the GOP, but as usual, this grand old state is doing a pioneering job as it did in the initiative and referendum, direct primary and other legislative reforms and it will require perhaps several elections to accomplish anything in the way of pointing other western states in the right direction. In the midst of all the switchback to new dealism it is hard to conceive a picture of Oregon standing out by itself but the underlying factor must be that the state is not as industrialized as some of its neighbors—that labor hasn't a stranglehold on the electorate here.

The main factor in the national picture appears to be conditions at this time. People enjoying prosperous times are less apt to unseat an administration than when conditions are uncertain like in the Hoover administration. This is true unless the president is weak and lacking in leadership. A large segment of the voters throughout the nation were becoming convinced that Mr. Truman was in that class and that a change of administration would be welcomed just for the general good of the country. It appears that Mr. Truman convinced a lot of these voters they were mistaken and whether or not he is the best man for the job he certainly showed a lot of us he knows how to campaign. He now has things the way he wanted them and it is up to him to prove if

he has the stuff to keep us on an even keel and make a valuable contribution towards the peace of the world.

A Profitable Enterprise

Communities providing parties and other entertainment for the youthful portions of the population on Halloween night may well congratulate themselves on their foresight and generosity. Vandalism and other evidences of Halloween pranks are so scarce as to barely remind one of the "hallowed" date on the calendar.

A few soaped or waxed store and car windows were the only evidence of juvenile outbreaks in Heppner as a result of the parties provided for the young people of the community by civic and church groups. Upwards of two hundred of the younger set participated in the hayride and church parties and when the entertainment was over there was no tendency to consider Halloween anything more than a date on the calendar.

By contrast other towns of the district not providing entertainment of the youngsters suffered the usual amount of Halloween pranksterism, some of it following the usual pattern of damage and more or less senseless attempts at humor.

For the small amount of funds necessary and the limited amount of personal supervision nothing of recent date has paid larger dividends than the Halloween project sponsored by the Soroptimist club of Heppner, with financial aid from the Elks, Parent-Teacher association and the chamber of commerce.

30 YEARS AGO

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An armistice was signed by Germany and messages have been taken from wires and posted in Heppner today.

In the city election Tuesday the ticket endorsed by the women was elected with the exception of Michael Kenny, councilman, who was defeated by C. L. Sweek.

Mrs. Alex Wilson died at her home in Boardman on Saturday of pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

Edward D. Rood died at his Portland home Friday morning. The remains were shipped to Heppner and on Sunday forenoon he was buried in Masonic cemetery.

L. D. Neill was in Heppner Friday from his ranch on Butter creek. He was getting questionnaires made up.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Knappenberg have disposed of their Heppner residence property to Mrs. E. E. Campbell. They will go to Portland for the winter.

Mrs. H. L. Stiles of Fort Canby, Wash., whose husband is on his way to France, arrived Friday evening to stay with her mother, Mrs. Josie Jones, for the winter.

Considerable damage was done to the John Kinsman residence property Tuesday evening by a fire that broke out about 10 o'clock.

In the U. S. court at Portland on Monday Joseph Handy entered a plea of guilty to the charge of making whiskey without a license and received sentence.

Miss Margaret Crawford returned from Melbourne, Wash., where she had been visiting at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Jones for the past four weeks.



TALKING NEW LEGISLATION

"There ought to be a law!" This, most of us have said a few times. Some of us too often—some not often enough. However, if you have a yen to put a new law in the well-cluttered Oregon code, now is the time for action. Get your pressure group to peering the local legislative delegation now.

What, no pressure group? Then you'll be just another political gad fly, due for a brush-off.

Just as many elections are decided in the first instead of the eleventh hour of a campaign, so are the pattern of many laws de-

signed months before legislatures convene. Election returns have just decided the personnel of the 1949 legislature and professional and tyro lobbyists are weaving into the marble halls of the capitol to confer with department heads and political pedants. Plots and counter-plots already are taking shape. One famous old lobbyist is reputed to have a "threat bill" drawn for each new member of the legislature. A bill he knows the new member will go a long way to defeat. This is one of the most vicious angles of log-rolling (you vote for my bill and I will vote for yours).

After our new governor has read his message to the joint assembly of the legislature the ancient and stealthy game of log-rolling will begin.

By the use of voting machines, log-rolling could be almost entirely eliminated, but political fixers and big pressure groups are always against the plan.

The No. 1 headache of the 1949 legislature will be the unbending of the taxpayer. The increas-

ing expenses of a rapidly growing state, increasing costs of education, old age assistance and other city, county and state functions are almost entirely saddled upon the property tax payer. Albeit he is forever cheating at his solitary game, voting upon himself financial obligations above the 6 per cent tax limitation. Only when other sources of state revenue diminish will taxpayers fully realize these debts are a mortgage on their property.

The voters of this state have knocked the sales tax cold with the ballot box so often that it may surprise you to hear it is getting on its feet again to ask for another sock. Other sources of revenue must be devised, saving plans formulated for these lush days to meet the necessities of lean tomorrows. Approaches in this direction that interim committees and other groups have discussed include luxury, diversional and excess spending taxes.

To meet the cost of increasing highway construction an extra \$5 motor vehicle license fee would bring \$2,000,000 a year. Then there is the biennial threat of raising the gas tax.

Other early legislative proposals include one from the Grange which would change the primary election system to permit electors to nominate from a single ballot, Kansas, Colorado, Kentucky and Oregon are the only states that put the responsibility of pardoning power exclusively on the governor. It is claimed by recreational experts that the best hunting and fishing states are those with the old bob-up-out-of-nowhere game wardens.

CAPITOL SHORTS

Governor John H. Hall this week appointed Dr. Ralph E. Purvine, Salem, to the state board of medical examiners. The state elections division has advised the Douglas county clerk to go ahead and use the county's ballots with Sen. Gordon's name spelled "Gordon". State police arrested 3,446 persons during September for motor vehicle violations—77 for drunken driving, 217 for game law violations and 387 in general



Sponsored by the Morrow County Health association, the annual chest x-ray survey provided by the State Board of Health, Oregon Tuberculosis association, and the local health group, will be in the county November 8-12 inclusive. The unit will be at the Boardman and Irigon schools November 8; Ione and Lexington schools, November 9, and the Pacific Power and Light company office in Heppner, November 10 and 12.

Sponsors say the most active period for tuberculosis is between the ages of 15 and 44, and they further say, "So come one, come all, come today! Please don't stay away. It's Free! Free! Free! Just come to the unit and see!"

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen and family returned from a week's visit with relatives at Salem.

law enforcement, the state department has just reported.

STATE ARCHIVIST EAST

David Duniway, state archivist, left this week for Raleigh, N. C., to attend the national convention of American Archivists. There are 34 states that now have archival departments. While east Duniway will also attend a national meeting of the American Association for State and Local History, of which he is vice-president.

DOOLITTLE FLYER TO JAPAN

Jacob Deshazer, Salem, who participated in the famous Doolittle raid on Tokyo, leaves November 5 with his wife and child for Japan where he will be a missionary.

It was during 41 months of brutal captivity that he decided to become a missionary in Japan. He said, "I talked with God."

DOCTORS TO FIGHT SUIT

An anti-trust suit was filed in the U. S. justice department this week against the Oregon Medical Society and Physicians Service and a number of doctors who have been prominent in the organization. A representative of the Physicians' Service said the charges brought under the Sherman anti-trust act would be fought out in court and service would not be interrupted while the suit is pending. Specific charges of the suit allege an attempt to monopolize a pre-paid medical plan in this area and hindering competing organizations.

LOW JOBLESS RECORD

The lowest jobless payments since the war were reported by the state unemployment compensation commission this week. Although a continued influx of newcomers has boosted Oregon's labor force to a record peak of more than 650,000, payrolls soared even higher.

Fewer than 2 per cent of Oregon's workers drew unemployment checks during the past month. The total payments for the past 30 days were \$333,848. This is 20.6 per cent below the same 30 day period last year.

Portland Teacher Accepts Position in Lexington School

Mrs. Delpha Jones

Lexington school now has a new teacher, Mr. G. F. Baker of Portland, a graduate of Lewis and Clark college. Mr. Baker is taking the place of Mr. Hall who resigned and is now teaching in Gervais. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are making their home in the small house of A. F. Majeske.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Feathers and family were La Grande visitors where Mr. Feathers attended high school work shop at the E. O. C. E.

The Lexington gym now has new lights installed and ready for an active basketball season this winter.

Next week is National Education week and all parents are urged to visit their local school and see for themselves what their children are accomplishing.

The TB x-ray unit will be in Lexington November 9 and all children and their parents are urged to have these x-rays for the safeguarding of their health as well as those around them.

Alvin Alexandre resigned and left for his home in New York after six weeks' teaching in Lexington. Mrs. R. B. Rice of Heppner is taking Mr. Alexandre's place temporarily.

Mrs. Glenn Griffith and Mrs. Dicie Griffith and families were Spray visitors over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones and daughter Charlene spent the week end in Union and La Grande. They were accompanied by John Spence who visited in North Powder. Mrs. W. E. McMillan kept the Jones' small son while they were away.

Mrs. W. E. McMillan was a The Dalles visitor one day last week. Mrs. Trina Parker and Miss Dona Barnett were week-end visitors of the Ralph Jacksons in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael have as their guests Vernon Leathers, stage manager of the Paramount theater of Portland, Otto Leathers of Vancouver, Wn., and Marvin Glasscock of Arlington.

The Lexington volleyball girls played the Boardman girls Tuesday afternoon at Boardman, losing the game 32-34. They motored over on the school bus with Mr. Baker driving them over.

Howard Henderson and new bride of La Grande were visitors one day last week at the Lonnie Henderson home.

Ronald Faul spent the week end in Portland.

The Ne Top Pew Campfire Girls held their meeting at the home of the guardian, Mrs. Delpha Jones Wednesday. After the meeting a treasure hunt was had with the treasure being weaners and buns, which were later roasted in the Jones back yard.

Lon Edwards who has been drilling at Rome is spending a few days at home and is elk hunting at the present time.

Wilbur Steagall who had quite a serious accident some time ago and has been recuperating in the hospital in Pendleton is at home now.

The first and second grades had a party in their room Friday with lovely hats and things to do with the gay time of Halloween.

September Traffic Death Rate Worst in Oregon History

Oregon suffered its worst traffic death rate of the year in September as accidents claimed an average of more than nine lives for each one hundred million miles of travel, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery has reported.

The September death rate was 9.3 highest figure recorded thus far this year and twice as high as the August rate, Newbery said. A total of 51 persons died as the result of traffic mishaps during the month, heaviest fatality toll since December of 1946.

Death rate figures, which relate the number of lives lost to the amount of driving actually being done is used to establish a truer picture of traffic danger than total number of persons killed. Oregon's average death rate for last year was 8.6.

The September toll, earlier reported at 48, climbed to 51 because of delayed reports and because of the subsequent death of persons originally listed as injured, Newbery explained.

He warned that early darkness and adverse weather conditions may continue to exact heavy losses in the months ahead, and called on driver and pedestrians alike to be doubly alert. State-wide accident reports show most traffic deaths happen after dark.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank neighbors and friends for their thoughtfulness in our bereavement and for the beautiful floral tributes to the memory of Willie Carty.

The Carty Family.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes over the week end were his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hughes of Salem and his sisters, Mrs. Dan Buffington of Portland and Mrs. Mary Healy of Boardman. Mr. Buffington accompanied the valley folks to Boardman but was having such good luck hunting that he decided to remain there for more shooting.

Mrs. Madge Bryant returned the first of the week from a trip of a month's duration, during which time she visited in the east, going to her old home in Virginia.

Real Net Income Still Shrinking, Economists Aver

A third year of shrinking real net income is ahead for agriculture. That is the overall outlook indicated at the recent annual national agricultural outlook conference in Washington, D.C., as briefly stated by Oregon's representative, L. R. Brethaupt, Oregon State college extension economist.

The outlook was found better for some types of farming than for others, yet it was deemed wise for all farmers to operate to meet some recession, if it comes. Real income as expressed in buying power is expected to remain far above the low pre-war level, however.

Cash receipts by farmers, nationally, might drop to a monthly rate ten per cent below 1948 a year from now but total farm expenses may decrease little, if any. Cheaper feed is expected to be largely offset by higher other costs, Brethaupt reports. Thus, net income would be less, and the net income dollar now buys scarcely half as much as prewar. Inflationary forces in the general economy still outweigh the deflationary trend in agriculture. No definite conclusion was reached in regard to the general non-agricultural price level trend ahead, owing to uncertain international conditions.

A summary of the general outlook for 1949 and beyond, as it pertains to Oregon agriculture, is now being prepared by the extension economists at the college. This will be available, free, from county extension agents about mid-November.

DEWEY PURCHASED PET AT OSC

Oregon State College—Charles Henry, junior student here from Salem, has introduced a much publicized pet to the campus—a black cocker spaniel named Thomas E. Dewey. The 10-month old pup was presented to the Henry's by Candidate Dewey last spring when the governor's bus killed the family dog. The new pet is from a prize winning strain.

Miss Letha Smith, manager of the local telephone office, returned to her duties here the first of the week after a vacation spent with relatives in Bend.

Mrs. Lennie Loudon is home again after a week spent in the hospital in Pendleton where she was treated for erysipelas.

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