

Amendment to Change Vote Counting Method Opposed By Douglas

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Paul H. Douglas spoke out Saturday against a proposed constitutional amendment to change the method of counting votes in presidential elections. He said it would cost large states and cities what limited influence they now have in national politics.

Chinese Peddlers Of Fish Disappear

San Francisco, Calif.—(U.P.)—Modern methods have done away with a colorful sight in port city streets throughout California.

Chinese fish peddlers in native garb once wandered the avenues of seaside towns with huge baskets of fresh fish, caught by the vendors themselves, slung over each shoulder. While padding along his sales "beat," the Oriental would cry out at the top of his lungs: "Sammy, lockcod, smelt!"

This told the initiated that the merchant was peddling a newly captured load of salmon, rock cod and smelt.

Refrigeration of seafood is one of the developments that caused their disappearance. And by state law a fish salesman now must keep a careful record of those products of the sea he catches himself. If he buys his fish from another netcaster he still must enter them into his personal set of books.

No wonder the peddlers of old have disappeared.

Buyer of Land Finds 'Gold Mine' in Gravel

Lansford, N. D.—(U.P.)—Lester Convis bought a quarter-section of land south of here at an auction two years ago.

He never suspected that there was gravel on the land until a search for gravel was made in the area for construction of runways, roads and other facilities at the Air Force jet interceptor base at Minot.

Now Convis is gleaming approximately \$1,000 a day from the pit.

Farmers and other small owners control about 57 per cent of the commercial forest area of the United States.

announced in a United Press interview his opposition to the proposed amendment sponsored by 51 Senators. It would retain the present formula for assigning electoral votes to states but would allow each state to divide those votes among the presidential nominees instead of casting them on a winner-take-all basis.

The amendment is scheduled for early debate in the Senate. Douglas said he would support a substitute calling for direct popular election of presidents.

One purpose of the amendment is to give weight to minority votes in one-party states—such as Republican votes in the south. Another objective is to dilute the influence of minority groups which may hold a balance of power in states like New York, Pennsylvania, California and Illinois with large electoral votes.

The Senate approved an amendment similar to the one now pending seven years ago but it died in the House. Douglas supported it then but has since changed his mind.

He said the new proposal would "diminish the influence of the large states and cities."

Present System
Under the present system a presidential candidate gets the entire electoral vote of a state—equal to its number of Senators and House members—if he polls a plurality of the votes in that state.

The amendment would permit each state to choose either of these methods to divide its electoral vote:

1. The vote would be split in proportion to the popular vote for presidential candidates.

2. It would be divided so that two electoral votes would be cast at the state at large voted and the remainder for the presidential choice of each congressional district.

To be adopted, a constitutional amendment must be approved by a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate and then by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

There are 262 Mud lakes, 67 Round lakes, 35 Cranberry lakes, 31 Crooked lakes, 32 Pine lakes, 27 Silver lakes and scores of Black lakes listed in Michigan.

Young GOP Leaders May Slate Nixon

Portland—(U.P.)—Young Republican leaders held out hope Saturday that Vice-President Richard M. Nixon would be in Eugene to address the groups state convention, April 13-15. Leaders of the organization said that several circumstances had led them to believe the vice-president might accept an invitation to address the group.

Some federal officials in Portland were reported to have been informed that Nixon will be in Oregon next month, but the report was not confirmed.

Also lending to the speculation was the fact that State Young Republican leaders said the National Speaker's Bureau was a little on the complacent side in regard to assigning a speaker to address the Oregon meeting.

Leaders said that the entry of Interior Secretary Douglas McKay into the Republican primary for nomination for U.S. Senator may also be a factor that would stimulate Nixon to visit the state next month.

Auto Crash Kills 36 Antelope, Not 18

Bend—(U.P.)—When an automobile plowed into a herd of Antelope east of Millican earlier this week, 36, not 18, antelope actually were killed. Wildlife research personnel, studying the dead animals, discovered that 18 unborn animals also were destroyed.

Two adult bucks, ten does and six short yearlings were killed when a car struck the fringe of the herd Wednesday, careened sideways down the highway and into the center of the herd of animals.

Research personnel said the older does were found to be carrying twins, which would have been born in late May. The younger does would have mothered one fawn each.

M. W. Waage, of Bend, driver of the car, escaped injury in the accident which was said to have been the largest single slaughter of antelope in recent history of the central Oregon area.

Former Stewardess Awarded Damages

San Bernardino, Calif.—(U.P.)—Former airline stewardess Boni Buehler, 25, has won \$265,000 damages for the loss of an arm and a leg in a speedboat accident at Lake Arrowhead two years ago.

A jury returned the verdict Friday after deliberating the case for 13 hours. The trial of Miss Buehler's \$500,000 damage suit lasted 18 days.

Defendants included the Los Angeles Turf club, which owns the lake in the nearby mountains; hotelman Conrad Hilton, owner of the boat; and Geary Steffan, former husband of actress Jane Powell, who was water skiing behind the boat.

Steffan, who was credited with saving Miss Buehler's life by keeping her afloat until help arrived, was assessed \$100,000 of the damage award.

Miss Buehler charged that negligence on the part of the boat owners and operators caused her to fall into the water. The boat's propeller severed her arm and leg.

Although only one-fourth of the United States population live in the Northeastern states, they receive nearly half of all lamb and mutton shipped.

The University of Illinois operates a fleet of 38 airplanes for aviation education and research.

Wisconsin paid bounties on 38,597 fox, 2,579 wolves and coyotes and 524 lynx and wildcats in 1954-55.



IN THE WAKE OF THE WIND—Homeowners at Marion, Ind., returned to this scene of desolation and ruin to begin the discouraging task of clearing away debris, patching roofs and rebuilding houses. Several persons in these two houses were injured when the tornado struck. One person in Marion was killed.

Low Bid for Pelton Dam Is \$7,716,905

Portland—(U.P.)—An apparent low bid of \$7,716,905 was submitted by the Guy F. Atkinson Company of Portland for major construction work on Portland General Electric's Pelton dam on the Deschutes river.

The bid, one of three opened by PGE here Friday afternoon, was for construction of an arch dam, spillway, re-regulating dam and fish passage facilities.

Other bidders were L. E. Dixon Company and Arundel Corporation with a joint figure of \$7,716,900 and C. H. Montag and Sons, Inc.; Carl M. Halverson, Inc.; and Austin Construction Company bidding jointly at \$8,337,018.40.

PGE officials said all three bids would be reviewed and the actual low bidder determined soon.

Construction is to start 15 days after an award is made.



SMILING broadly, Vice President Richard Nixon is happy to hear President Eisenhower say he'd like Nixon as 1956 running mate. (International)

Most People Honest, Boat Renter Learns

Paw Paw, Mich.—(U.P.)—Ed Wagner, 73, who operates a serve-yourself boat rental service here, said he has found most people are honest.

"I've been beat out of only one or two rental fees during the last two years," Wagner said "and I'm sure it wasn't intentional. They just forgot to pay."

Because of failing health, Wagner has been renting boats to fishermen on the "honor" system at nearby Cedar Lake for two years.

A sign at the rear of his garage tells fishermen to put \$1 in a slot corresponding with the number of the boat they are going to use and to help themselves to the boat.

New York City's annual budget is larger than that of almost any of the states.

During the past 100 years an estimated 4,000,000,000 tons of freight has passed through the Sault Ste Marie locks linking the Great Lakes.

The renamed American hemlock, unlike the old world tree whose juices killed Socrates, is poisonous to neither man nor beast.

W. S. Gilbert, who wrote the lyrics for the Gilbert and Sullivan light operas, was born in 1836 and died in 1911.

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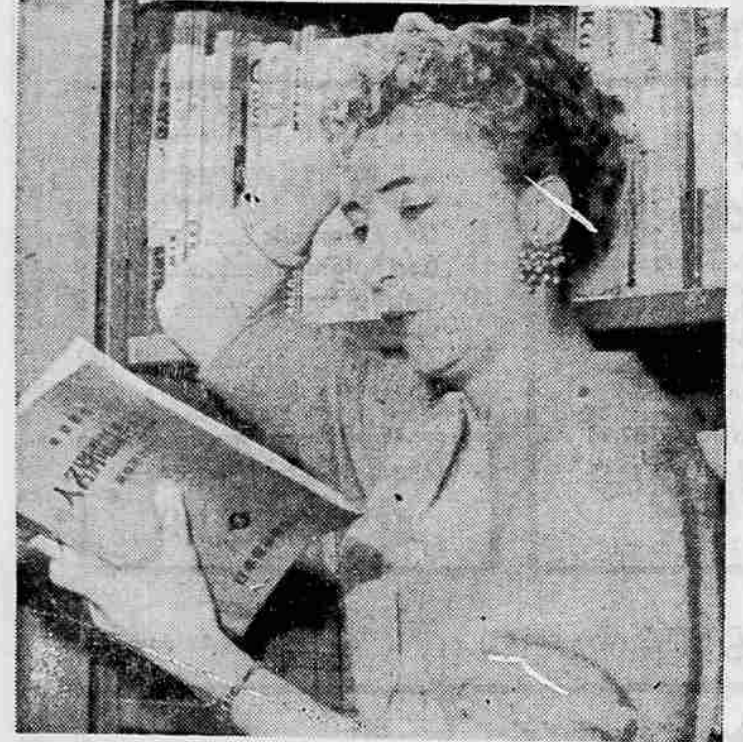
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PAGING TOKYO, PLEASE—Mrs. Mabel Gonzales not only dreams of far away places all day long on the job but she is directly connected with them in her work in San Francisco. She's a supervisor's clerk in worldwide directory section of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. When confronted with a Tokyo directory (above) printed in Chinese characters (Japanese use Chinese characters), Mabel usually has a long-distance conference with an English-speaking operator in Tokyo.



PROUD FATHER—Former President Harry S. Truman smiles as he announces in his Kansas City, Mo., office that his daughter, Margaret, will be wed in April to E. C. Daniel Jr., New York Times newsman.

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