



KITTEN REMOVED — Lee Chrisler, left, of the Anti-Cruelty society, removes a kitten from a mailbox opened by John Slechter, Chicago postal worker, after several persons reported that they had heard "meows" when they mailed letters. Chrisler said the kitten was apparently placed in the box by youngsters. (UPI)

'Painless Taxation' Favored, Straw Poll at Oregon State Fair Indicates

By ZAN STARK
Salem — (UPI) — Oregonians favor "painless taxation" if tax hikes are necessary, a straw poll being conducted at the State Fair here indicates.

Overwhelming support for a cigarette tax and a sales tax was shown in tabulation of sam-

ple ballots being used at the fair to test a new electronic vote tabulating device.

Tax experts sometimes refer to sales and cigarette levies as "painless taxation" because they usually raise more money than anticipated, and because taxpayers don't realize how

much they are actually paying in such taxes.

To Determine Acceptance

The test is being conducted by the secretary of state to determine voter acceptance of the new punch card device which gives almost instantaneous results of balloting.

The poll also indicated fairgoers favor capital punishment and a new state constitution, and feel community colleges could help hold down the cost of higher education in Oregon.

Key question on the sample ballot dealt with taxation. Fairgoers were asked to pick two methods they favored if tax increases were necessary.

The tally showed 1,114 favored a cigarette tax, 838 were for a sales tax, 326 liked the net receipts tax idea, 280 supported an increase in the present income tax rates, and 107 favored a state property tax. On the capital punishment issue, 1,029 voted to keep the death penalty, and 839 wanted it abolished.

The vote for a new state constitution was 1,131 yes, and 672 no.

To meet the increased costs of state-supported colleges and universities, 756 voted for more community colleges, 332 for higher entrance requirements, 260 for bond issues, 233 for increases in student tuition and 96 for increases in state taxes.

Device Popular

The voting device was winning overwhelming support from those who tried it. A total of 1,833 said they liked voting with the device, while only 73 said they did not like the system. The tally showed 1,074 Republicans and 746 Democrats voting.

Tests of the new voting system will continue throughout the fair.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. has indicated if the test is successful the device may be used at a regular election sometime next year in a one-county test.

The Medical Roundup

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Newborn Infant Who Cannot Breathe

It is well known that many an infant who is delivered by caesarian section has trouble beginning to breathe. Sometimes his brain is depressed by the anesthetic which had to be given to his mother, and hence in cases of caesarian section, as little of the anesthetic as possible is given.

Recently, attention has been called to the fact that it is well not to tie the infant's cord until after a few minutes when he has learned to breathe. No one who is not an expert in obstetrics is likely to have any conception of the big changes which have to take place in the infant's body as he changes over from breathing through the placenta (after-birth) to breathing with his lungs.

Years ago Prof. Alfred Barclay of England wrote a whole book, based on his studies made of the big changes that have to take place when an infant is born.

Sometimes the needed big change in the circulation of the blood just outside of the heart fails to take place, and then later a heart surgeon has to go in and make the alterations that nature failed to make.

One serious difficulty in starting up breathing, especially in premature infants, is due often to the presence in the lungs of what is called a "pulmonary hyaline membrane." About 50 per cent of the premature infants who die have this membrane. Sometimes the trouble in breathing is not due to a definite membrane but more to a plugging up of the tiny air passages in the lungs.

Authorities have not always agreed as to just how or why the membrane or the plugs form, but many obstetricians and others have been trying hard to help the infant to avoid getting the membrane, or to keep him from dying when he gets it.

Among 85 premature infants born with this disease 57 died in less than 24 hours. In them, the lungs contained very little air. The obstructing material seems to form shortly after the child is born.

According to Dr. Jack Greenhill of Chicago, a hyaline membrane is found in 40 of every 1,000 premature infants, and in only one per 1,000 mature infants. Among infants weighing more than 5.5 pounds, membranes are seldom found, except in those delivered by caesarian section. If one excludes deaths from malformations and a blood abnormality, the membrane is about the only cause of death in infants delivered at term (9 months) by caesarian section.

Incidentally, for a few hundred years, people have assumed that the words caesarian section refer to Julius Caesar. Actually, the big medical dictionary here before me states that the word caesarian comes from the Latin caedere, to cut.

Dr. Greenhill, in his big textbook on obstetrics, says the caesarian sections were probably performed in ancient Egypt, usually on women who had just died. In the middle ages in Europe, caesarian sections were performed by saw-gelders (men who removed the ovaries from sows so that they would become fatter).

A number of girls write to learn how they can stop biting the insides of their cheeks. As they say, they do it without thinking, and they try to stop it when they notice what they are doing. They get the inside of their mouth sore, but they haven't yet made it bleed. They want to know if, in this way,

they might produce a cancer. My answer is that they are not likely to make a cancer unless they are in their 40s or 50s, and then it would take years of biting to prepare for the growth.

Other people pick at their faces. A doctor friend of mine was always picking at his face. Other people pick at their nose; some sniff, some wiggle their nose like a bunny; some have funny little ticks, as we doctors call them—little habit spasms. Some muscles will contract, perhaps in the face or in the neck or shoulder. Some people have a nervous cough that never brings up anything.

Some people pick at the sides of a fingernail until it almost bleeds. Many people bite their nails; some crack their knuckles; some blink their eyes more than they should, some scratch themselves. I once knew a skin specialist who was always scratching himself all over his body.

I imagine that some people can get rid of some of these habits if they will only struggle against them hard enough and long enough. I don't know of any other way of getting rid of them.

A sudden loss of vision in one eye, or a spell of double vision could be a symptom of multiple sclerosis. To learn more about this disease send for the leaflet "Multiple Sclerosis" by Dr. Walter C. Alvarez. To obtain your copy send 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines, Iowa, 50301.

Prominent Oregon Businessman Dies

Eugene — (UPI) — Funeral service was scheduled here today for prominent Oregon businessman T. C. Wildish, who died while on a camping trip in Eastern Oregon Monday.

He founded T. C. Wildish Co., a trucking and construction company; the Wildish Sand and Gravel Co., and Wildish Cascade Concrete Co.

Grange News

Shady Cove Grange

At a recent meeting of the Shady Cove Grange presided over by Master Johnnie Minor, new residents of Shady Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Beavers were obligated in the first and second degree.

Grange members heard about 4-H activities from Miss Laura May Noble of Eagle Point who spoke.

She displayed trophies and awards for 4-H achievements. She also showed trophies awarded her on horsemanship.

Serving refreshments after the program were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clark.

The HEC meeting was an evening potluck dinner at the Phil Mutschbacher home in Edgewood Park.

Greenhorn Grange

Yreka — A blue ribbon awarded the Greenhorn Grange booth at the 1963 Siskiyou County fair was displayed at the August meeting of that organization.

The theme of the booth was "Once Upon a Time."

Grange Master Lou Coles thanked those who worked on the booth as well as the Grangers who assisted on the Pomona Grange booth.

A discussion of amateur night set for Oct. 26 followed. Honored guests in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hittson, Oatman, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barlow. Barlow spoke on the activities of Bayside Grange. Both Barlow and Hittson are past masters. Refreshments were served.

PASSES UP MEETING

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy will not hold a news conference this week.



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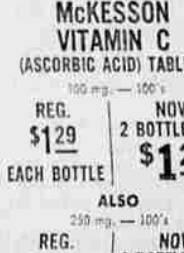
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