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Friday's Election

FRIDAY is election day. It is disquieting that there are current estimates of a 30 to 40 per cent vote at this special balloting. It certainly is not a compliment to the much lauded Oregon system of direct legislation that an election that features measures exclusively attracts only small attention, while a balloting over candidates for some minor offices sometimes whips up a great uproar.

Important matters of statewide concern are to be decided at the election Friday, and every qualified citizen should go to the polls and VOTE. It is to be hoped that Klamath county can make a better showing than the 35 or 40 per cent vote predicted for the state as a whole.

FIRST measure on the ballot is the bill changing primary elections from May to September. This newspaper strongly recommends a "Yes" vote. Here are the reasons:

1. Concentrate election campaigning to a few months instead of the major part of election years.
2. It will shorten the "lame duck" periods during which office-holders, defeated in the primaries, continue in office.
3. It will restore to the parties part of the responsibility that should be theirs if they are to perform the functions for which they were created.
4. It will encourage honest independents and will discourage the sort of independent candidates who wait until after the primaries and then rush in to catch the disgruntled vote.
5. It will tend to keep attention focused on the same issues at both the primary and general elections. As it is now, there may be a complete change in matters of major public concern between the primary election, when candidates are nominated, and the general election.
6. It will make the most of the successful experience of a majority of other states, who have late primaries and like that system.

There are not enough disadvantages to the primary change to offset these advantages, and some of the things advanced as disadvantages are spurious.

THE second measure on the ballot would amend the constitution so that members of the legislature will receive compensation as provided by law, rather than the \$3 a day and not more than \$120 per session as is now the case.

Legislators in Oregon do receive niggardly pay. But there has been no doubt of candidates under the present system, and it is doubtful if the standards of the membership would be raised if pay were made more attractive than service. Even so, it might be well to work out some moderate increase in legislators' pay, but not through the proposed bill.

This bill does not fix the increase. It leaves that up to the legislature, and for that reason, its defeat seems certain. This newspaper does not believe the legislators should be given a blank pay check to be filled in by themselves. It recommends a "No" vote on this amendment.

ANOTHER sales tax measure will be found on the ballot. This bill provides for a 2 per cent tax on retail sales and one-fourth of one per cent on wholesale sales. It is to be collected on gross income from sales of tangible personal property, with exemptions on gross sales up to \$50 monthly, sales to the U. S. and other political subdivisions; sales of motor vehicle fuels, sweet milk, canned milk, butter, eggs, cheese, raw, unprocessed fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, unsweetened bread, rolls and buns.

Money to be derived from the bill would go to the state's old age assistance program. It would make possible Oregon participation in the national social security program, and would mean \$30 a month for people over 65.

The bill is poorly contrived, its defeat would not deprive oldsters of the assistance they are now receiving from the relief agencies, its gross income tax feature might easily lead to abuses and unfair practices by certain types of business men, it would create a big bureaucracy. This newspaper is not opposed to the sales tax in principle, but it cannot recommend this particular bill.

LAST bill on the ballot would authorize the state board of higher education to collect not more than \$5 per term from students at the state schools to be used in promotion of recreational and cultural activities.

We confess our first inclination was to oppose this measure, and there was discussion of its disadvantages in this column some months ago. Since then the whole thing has been hotly argued, and we have been convinced that Oregon citizens would be doing the wise thing to vote "Yes" on this measure, thus placing a purely campus problem in the hands of the state board of higher education, whose duty it is to represent the people in deciding campus problems.

Unquestionably, these cultural and recreational activities, such as musical entertainments, the school papers, athletics, and so on, are an essential part of college life. They are almost as important as the prescribed courses. To make them possible, it is necessary to collect from all or most of the students, some small fee. If this fee is made universal among all the students, the programs can be more definitely mapped, and these activities can be made more advantageous for the students as a whole.

After thorough consideration of all angles of this question, we strongly recommend a "Yes" vote.

THESE are our own views of these measures, after careful consideration of each of them.

We urge Klamath voters to study the measures carefully again, and after reaching their decisions, whatever they may be, to GO TO THE POLLS FRIDAY.

If leaking of water into the cylinders of the motor is suspected, the spark plugs should be removed in quick succession after running the engine until it is hot. Steam escaping from any cylinder will indicate a leak. All telephone lines are being put underground in France, Children have a keener sense of taste than adults.

WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

The Inside Story From The Capital

By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The whopping year-end business figures handed out officially during the last few days are a little too good.

For instance, the federal reserve board has just announced that December industrial production was 103 per cent of normal. That is probably correct, but it may be entirely misleading.

What it means is that the year-end industrial output was 3 per cent greater than the average December of 1923, 1924 and 1925. And the reason is that certain major industries have changed their seasons since then; to wit: Automobiles, which in turn draw on steel, glass, textiles.

It does not mean this country has yet reached a planned level of normal production, it is just a seasonal quirk.

LONG RANGE

A more accurate line on things can be obtained from the yearly averages covering all seasons. If you will trace these on the following chart you will find that industrial output for 1935 was 96 per cent of the averages for 1923, 1924 and 1925.

That marks four years of progress from the depths of 1932, when industry was down to 64 per cent.

There is every expert reason to expect that this year may continue the upward progress, although the industrial production figure will probably ease off for a few months. The reason: Declining auto production, with its effect on steel, glass, etc.

The seasonal spurge of December will work in reverse during the coming months.

CHART

All figures in the following chart are based on 1923-1925 average as 100, except prices, which are based on 1926. Each thus tends to represent the percentage of normality existing at the times stated.

Year	Industrial Production	Employment	Factory Payroll	Department Store Sales	Building Contracts	Wholesale Prices
1929 average	119	104.8	109.1	106	111	100
1930 average	96	91.5	88.7	92	102	92.4
1931 average	81	77.4	67.5	75	92	83.0
1932 average	64	64.2	45.3	56	69	64.8
1933 average	76	79.0	47.5	58	67	65.9
1934 average	79	78.8	61.9	62	75	74.9
1935 Dec.	103	79.0	63.2	64	73	76.9
1926 Jan.	90	80.5	64.1	64	72	78.8
1926 Dec.	90	82.1	70.2	63	79	80.0
1927 Dec.	103	85.6	76.6	71	84	80.9
1936 Jan.	96	85	75	71	82	80.4

(Unofficial)

DISPARITY
 The first thing about the figures to hit the wary eye is the disparity between production, employment and payroll. The average of payroll for 1935 was 70, while production was 96. Also the \$2 index of employment may seem to be high in view of popular estimates that no appreciable dent has been made in unemployment.

Each economist has his own argument about this. It is true that the heaviest production now is in lines which employ the least labor; that the big labor lines, like building and coal, are lagging far behind (soft coal output in December was only 77 per cent normal; anthracite 71 per cent). Also there is an uncharted growth of employables in the last five years and the overabundance of technological unemployment phase.

One undisputable thing is clear. These business figures are official government figures and presumed to be honest. But there are no figures on unemployment, government or private. The ones which are being published from time to time by the A. F. of L. and others are admitted to be pure guesses.

With all the bonedoggery going on, the idea may soon occur to some bright young government official that it might be well to check and classify unemployment by industries and by areas to determine at least the exact scope of the problem, if not its solution.

The official excuse here has always been that it could not be done accurately.

CHART NOTES

Nearly half the industries represented in employment figures (bureau of labor statistics) show December increases; 40 of the 90 showed employment gains, and 61 of the 90 showed total payroll gains. Last month was the first December since the depression showing an increase in employment. Largest increase was in retail trade, amounting to 32 per cent over November (about 342,000 additional employees). Most of these Christmas jobs have now been lost again.

The big budge in building contracts awarded during December was due to a general December 15 deadline on many appropriations. That figure also is a seasonal abnormality. Yet the building industry is making progress. Privately financed contracts awarded last year aggregated \$387,000,000, as compared with \$569,000,000 in 1934. Of course, this does not represent any real building in comparison with old days, but there will be at least that much more improvement this year.

The number of building contracts awarded during the first half of January was within 10 per cent of the total for the whole month last year. The secret hope of the new dealers apparently is that the long-awaited building boom will cover up the unemployment situation and cure it, although nothing extra is being done to promote that result.

Children have a keener sense of taste than adults.

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"Darling, you seem to be losing interest in your music."

Lake Delegates Attend Meeting

The Lake county court, the sportsmen's association and the chamber of commerce were represented at the recent wild life conference at Portland. Commissioner Will Vernon represented the county court, and then left for the east to attend the North American Wild Life conference in Washington, D. C., as a delegate from the state of Oregon. Carl Fatch represented the sportsmen's association and Director Walter Bykeman represented the Lake county chamber of commerce.

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News of Oregon

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—W. E. Ingram of Portland incurred serious injuries when he fell 40 feet from a pile driver on the port project here. Attendants said both his legs were fractured and that internal injuries may have resulted. He was expected to recover.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—The Booth-Kelly Lumber company will tap recently-purchased timber in the Fall creek area to provide logs for the Springfield mill, Charles G. Driggs, president, said today.

GRESHAM, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—A survey conducted by S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agent, showed this area's farm income in 1935 was in excess of \$4,000,000. The report will be presented at an agricultural conference here Friday and Saturday.

MILL CITY, Jan. 30 (AP)—The projected co-operative mill here will have a daily capacity of 75,000 feet and employ about 30 men, stockholders decided. F. J. Potter was named president. Reports at the stockholders' meeting indicated \$15,000 already has been pledged toward the project.

NORTH BEND, Jan. 30 (AP)—Clearing work on North Bend's airport here began under the leadership of City Engineer Reuben Cavanaugh. Fifty-two men are employed. The WPA project includes excavation of a hillside, dirt from which will be used for a dike on Pony Slough.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—D. B. Conklin of Eugene purchased the five-story Florence apartments from the Prudential Life Insurance company at a price unofficially reported around \$125,000.

MILL CITY, Jan. 30 (AP)—D. L. Turnidge, employee of the Bridal Veil logging camp, lost his right arm when he was struck by a falling snag. He was taken to a Portland hospital.

PORTLAND, Jan. 30 (AP)—A special dispatch to the Oregonian said Congressman James W. Moak was informed no vessels will be available for Portland's Rose Festival in June but that a part of the fleet may be dispatched here later in the summer.

EUGENE, Jan. 30 (AP)—The Addison Lumber company mill at

Lorane, employing 30 men, burned to the ground as a result of a fire which owners said started from burning shavings in a sawdust pile. The planer and engine were saved.

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—E. L. Potter of Oregon State college, told the Lane county agricultural conference that "if some time scares me to see people from the Midwest buy a Willamette valley farm thinking they can tell in a minute what type farm they are buying." The economics committee recommended that no additional settlers be urged to come to this area until more land is developed through irrigation and drainage and larger markets for fruits and vegetables are opened. A competent appraiser for buyers was advocated.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—The harbor at Fort Ordford does not justify an expenditure necessary for an adequate, fully-developed port, Colonel Thomas M. Robins, division engineer, said in a report to Washington. He estimated a minimum of \$3,000,000 would be necessary.

CASCADE LOCKS, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—Reports of a few cases of scarlet fever and smallpox resulted in an order temporarily closing the Cascade Locks schools. None of the cases is serious, health officers said.

PORTLAND, Jan. 30 (AP)—The city of Portland received support for its contention that the tax supervising and conservation commission cannot fix tax levies when Judge Fred Wilson ruled the tax group had no authority other than in an advisory capacity. The judge said his ruling did not conflict with the state act creating the commission, however. He ordered budget items of \$525,093, stricken from Multnomah county 1936 proposal, restored. The items included \$205,000 for restoration of 50 per cent of salary cuts taken by city employees. The attorney for the tax group said the verdict would be appealed to the state supreme court.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—The 11 persons charged with carrying banners during the docking of the German cruiser Emden will be given a jury trial Feb. 11, Deputy City Attorney Alexander G. Brown announced.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—The Clackamas county tax levy for 1936 is \$1,820,542, an increase of \$118,759 over 1935, County Assessor E. L. Rope reported. Assessed valuation decreased from \$35,335,965 to \$34,963,026.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP)—A forest highway program calling for expenditure of \$1,200,000 in the northwest was recommended to the secretary of agriculture, W. H. Lynch of the federal bureau of public roads announced. The work will depend on congressional allocation. Oregon projects recommended included: surfacing 13.5 miles Salmon River highway, grading Willamette highway, grading Santiam highway, grading and clearing Tillier-Trail highway; grading and surfacing Fremont highway, reconstruction and grading Pendleton-John Day highway, surfacing Weston-Elgin highway.

During 1934, the British board of film censors handled 1000 miles of films, comprising 1713 subjects of which 23 were rejected.

Sex has nothing to do with the pulpit and pants do not make preachers.—Almea Sample McPherson, evangelist.

The silver sword plant is found in only one place in the world, on the side of Haleakala crater, in Hawaii.

Ten Years Ago

In Klamath.

THERE will be no delay in the building of the Rock Creek road and bridge project.

Neither will there be delay in the building of the Midland state line project.

Judge Bunnell stated today that the present shortage in the county road bond fund would not halt work on these projects, as there are now between \$160,000 and \$170,000 in road bonds which have not been sold, and which will be placed on the market this spring to take care of the road program.

The train from Weed was two hours late in arriving here last night, due to a freight wreck on the main line of the Southern Pacific near Montague. According to reports received here, there were no fatalities or injuries in the wreck.

SAN FRANCISCO.—A storm, so strenuous that its equal has only rarely been seen in these regions, is sweeping over the North Pacific ocean and the Pacific coast today, bringing thick snows, raking winds and drenching rains from a point far beyond the Canadian line to the Santa Clara valley of California. Small shipping in harbor bound, while the big passenger and freight lines are buffeting mile-a-minute gales and high seas in the storm.

BUTTE VALLEY

BUTTE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DORRIS, Calif. — The Girls' League met Monday, January 27, for the purpose of electing new officers for the new semester. The officers were elected as follows: president, Dorothy O'Sullivan; vice-president, Jean O'Kane; secretary-treasurer, Irene Harmer; reporter, Athleen Harmer.

The Girls' League is making plans for the Valentine dance which is to be held on Saturday, February 15, with Jack Bowers and his Melody Boys furnishing the music.

A valentine queen and her attendants will have a grand march just before the dance. The candidates for the Queen of Hearts are: Elida Anderson, Lillian Jones and Loretta Kerick.

During the evening a short program will be given, which will add to the festivities. Juniors and seniors met last Wednesday for election of officers for the White and Gold. Mr. Atkins presided. The officers are: editor, Clio Monkman; assistant editors, Dorothy Jondahl and Irene Harmer; business manager, Thomas Patterson; assistant managers, Ray Beem and Olan Evans; typists, Athleen Harmer and Lillian Jones; sport editor, Orval Smith; art editor, James Evans; snapshot editor, Jean O'Kane.

On Saturday, February 1, there is to be a district meeting of all White and Gold officers at Weed. Several from Butte Valley high school will attend.

Members of the cooking class prepared a sandwich lunch which was served to the McCloud teams after the games on Saturday night. Babe Olds, Lois Nine and Irene Nye assisted in the work. The honor roll for the first semester was as follows: "A" Clio Monkman and Irene Nye. "B" Viola Beem, Athleen Harmer, Irene Harmer, Dorothy Jondahl, Lois Nine, Vera Parsons, Vivian Shoemaker, Viola Shoemaker and Orval Smith.

The forest service presented three reels of interesting pictures in the auditorium Tuesday afternoon.

The Girls' League, under the direction of Miss Kiewer held a party on Friday, January 24. Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Ranney attended as guests. Several different kinds of card games furnished much amusement.

MERRILL CHILDREN GET VACCINATIONS

MERRILL, Jan. 30. — County health officers administered smallpox vaccinations and diphtheria toxoids to approximately 75 children and adults in the recent clinic sponsored by the county board of health and the Merrill Parent-Teacher association.

Of this number, 56 subjected to preventive treatment for diphtheria, and 29 for smallpox. Thirteen were children below school age.

Due to the continued cooperation of both school and health officials the number of children who lack such preventive treatment is steadily decreasing.

Dr. Newsom of Klamath Falls, and Dr. F. E. Trotman of Merrill, assisted by Miss Fricke and Miss Hanson, school nurse, were in charge.

It is expected that a similar clinic will be held in Malin.

Toreador Styles Enter Arena of Paris Fashions

PARIS, Jan. 30. (AP)—Toreador styles from Spanish bull rings entered the fashion arena today.

Toreador jackets of black wool and red felt trimmed with white braid topped black skirts. Black frocks had fringes and shoulder lines reminiscent of a bull fighter's costume.

Black evening tailcoats had bolero jackets, colored girdles and white shirts.

Fashions of sixteenth century France, during the reigns of Francis II and Charles IX, played an outstanding role in the Robert Piquet collection of new 1936 styles.

Black navy was one of the outstanding colors. Coats, dresses and loose backed jackets were designed with Charles IX sleeves rising to a sharp ridge sometimes three inches high at the shoulder line.

Black frocks and white English embroidery yokes, whose high wing collars mounted to the ears or to high Henry III neck rucher.

Hats were high crowned satin stovepipes or white pique models copied from Francis II's turban.

Evening frocks were plain flowered silks cut in a slender silhouette with a hemline shorter in front. They were accompanied by bright mousseline capes or big sleeved coats of contrasting color, such as carnation coat over a sapphire dress.

Civil Service Job Open for Candidates

The United States civil service commission has announced open competitive examinations for engineering, electrical, inspector positions, with salaries ranging from \$2,000 to \$2,600 a year. These salaries are subject to a deduction of 2 1/2 per cent toward a retirement annuity.

Specialties represented are mechanical, electrical and aeronautical. Applicants must have had certain specified experience in keeping with the specialty in connection with which application is filed.

Full information may be obtained from Helen P. Spiker, secretary of the U. S. civil service board of examiners, at the post-office or customhouse in this city.

Adolph's Observations

RACE prejudice exists among people in whom the rest of the world does not suspect it. For instance, among the Scandinavians there is plenty and I noticed a peculiar illustration of it the other day.

I was walking past one of those new type of saloons when a young fellow came bounding out of the door with his nose bleeding and one eye shut, but, laughing hilariously.

The thing was so strange that I asked him what had happened and he replied, "That guy in there hit me three times in the face and said, 'Get out of here you crazy Swede,' and then he laughed again."

When I asked this drunken goof what was funny, he answered, "I'm a Norwegian."

KELSO LICENSE

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 30. (AP)—A marriage license was issued here today to George W. Sumpter of Klamath Falls, and Edith Edwards of Weiser, Idaho.

COLD AT SALEM

SALEM, Jan. 30. (AP)—The temperature fell to 21 degrees here early today, the lowest mark since last November.

TODAY

Ends Saturday

FIGHTING TO LIVE!

LIVING TO LOVE!

EARLY CALIFORNIA

GIVES UP ANOTHER

GLORIOUS STORY OF

ADVENTURE AND

ROMANCE!

John BOLES Gladys SWARTHOUT

ROSE OF THE RANCHO

with Charles Bickford

ALSO—

EDGAR KENNEDY COMEDY

NOVELTY

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LAST DAY!

RUTH DONNELLY, MARGARET LINDSAY, WARREN HULL