



OREGON VOTES EMPHATIC "NO!"

Section of Italian Army Reported Wiped Out

Editorials

On the
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE headlines tell us that an election was held on Friday. Judging by the size of the vote cast, that will be not news to a large part of the electorate.

FOUR measures were up for consideration. All were snowed under heavily—although by varying majorities. The voters of Oregon evidently followed their long-established habit of voting NO when in doubt or not much interested.

It isn't a bad habit.

OF THE four, the measure changing the date of the primary election from May to September received the largest affirmative vote—although it was decisively snuffed in the eye.

Those who voted evidently said to themselves: "It makes little difference whether candidates are nominated in May or September, and since we've managed to survive under the present system we'd better hang onto it. We've had about all the experimenting we can stand in the last two or three years, anyway."

(BESIDES, the public is inclined to regard elections as a sort of free-for-all vaudeville, so why bunch our entertainment? Better keep it spread out through the year.)

THE measure increasing legislative pay received the smallest affirmative vote.

As to it, the electors evidently said to themselves: "If the legislature has no better business judgment than to set for January an expensive special election (\$50,000 is about the minimum guess as to cost) for four measures that could all have waited until the regular election in May, its members are now being paid about all they are worth."

THIS writer, incidentally, has a notion that for the present low pay we probably get better men in the legislature than if the pay were higher.

As it is, good men who can afford to serve for nothing and pay a part of their expenses seek the job to widen their acquaintance among able men over the state, and at the same time serve the public. (AH REALLY GOOD men feel the desire to serve the community and their state.)

If the pay were raised to the point where it was attractive in itself, men would be inclined to seek the job JUST FOR THE PAY.

THE sales tax, designed to finance old age pensions, went down under an AVALANCHE of adverse votes.

That is to say, we don't want old age pensions if we have to PAY FOR THEM.

THE student fee measure never should have been on a statewide ballot; it is a matter of school administration that should have been handled by the board of higher education.

The voters, recognizing that fact, and not being much interested, one way or another, snowed it under.

Roseburg Child's Death Investigated

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 1, (AP)—Dr. B. R. Shoemaker, local physician, this morning called upon County Coroner H. C. Stearns to make an official investigation into the death last night of Donna Lou Marsters, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Marsters of Roseburg.

The child died in convulsions at the local hospital after a short illness, and it is feared she is the victim of a dog poisoner, who had been reported to be spreading poison in meat-filled sandwiches thrown out beside streets and roads in and near Roseburg.

Ethiopia Claims Victory in War's Greatest Battle

Troops Headed by Gen. Diamanti 'Annihilated' By Black Forces

LOSS UNCONFIRMED BY ROMAN SOURCES

Hundreds of Prisoners, Supplies Said Captured

By The Associated Press

The "annihilation" of the Italian army under General Diamanti, which has been operating in northeastern Ethiopia, was claimed by Italian sources in a Reuters News Agency dispatch from Dessay, Ethiopia, today.

The alleged battle was not confirmed by Italian sources, the official daily communiqué from Rome saying only: "Marshal Pietro Badoglio telegraphs that on the Somali and Eritrean fronts there is nothing new."

Many Italians Captured

The Ethiopian claim, however, was that the famous "23rd of October" division of the fascists was included in the casualties of what was described as the greatest battle of the war on the northern front.

This report said the Ethiopians captured hundreds of prisoners and great numbers of machine guns, rifles and ammunition.

From various sources came the report that Ras Desta Demtu had been deposed as commander of Emperor Haile Selassie's armies in southern Ethiopia, being succeeded by Dedjazmach (General) Balcha, a veteran warrior of Sidamo province.

War Peril Increases

Officially, however, this report was denied in Addis Ababa. In Rome, Premier Mussolini called the Fascist grand council together as rumors were rampant that the peril of European war was being increasingly feared as the result of the Ethiopian hostilities.

Mussolini's newspaper, Popolo d'Italia, charged that "if sanctions were extended, it is a political act."

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MISSING SKIER'S BODY RECOVERED

SEATTLE, Feb. 1, (AP)—Wendell Trooper, Seattle mountaineer, one of the party who dared Mount Rainier to recover the body of Delmar Fadden, skier who lost his life, told of their hardships today.

"It must have been 40 below zero on those ice fields," he said. "All the party had frozen feet when we got back down to Camp Starbo, at 6,000 feet."

Trooper, who with Harlan Eastwood reached the 10,000-foot level while their companions went on 3,000 feet higher and recovered Fadden's body, returned home here early today. He and Eastwood huddled the expedition's short war radio.

"The climbing party left Camp Starbo about 3 a. m.," he said. "Later we went up to 10,000 feet to meet them. Those who went to the body were Ome Dabber, Chief Ranger John Davis, Robert Buschman, Ranger Bill Butler and Paul Gilbreath."

"We could see them chopping Fadden's body out of the ice. His head and shoulders were held solidly where he had fallen, head down the slope."

Klamath Machine Has Many Owners

SALEM, Feb. 1, (UP)—Sixteen owners in eight years. That is the record of a 1923 Ford now owned by A. J. Okas, Klamath Falls.

Records in Secretary of State Snell's motor vehicle department showed the original title to the car was issued Sept. 11, 1928. Since then, the car has been transferred 10 times and repossessed by finance companies five times. Shortest time the car stayed in one driver's hands was nine days.

LONG'S WIDOW MAY NOT TAKE SENATE POST

Controversy Arises Over Governor Noe's Selection

MACHINE LEADERS SPLIT ON ISSUE

Late Senator's Wife May Refuse Job To Avoid Dispute

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1, (AP)—Mrs. Huey P. Long was a pivot of violent controversy within the ranks of the administration machine today because of her appointment by Governor James A. Noe to the United States Senate "to fill the unexpired term" of her late husband.

The row may become so heated that she will turn down the appointment, which she accepted last night. Legal advisers of the organization disagree over the legality of the appointment.

Senate's Rights Doubtful

They had virtually decided that the state democratic central committee was authorized by law to select a nominee for the general election April 21, and a meeting of the committee has been called for next Wednesday. The legal advisers had held that an appointment was not legal for a term running for more than a year, and Huey Long's unexpired term had fifteen months to run from the date of his death.

Some claim the United States would not have the legal right to seat Mrs. Long if she went to Washington, but others said that if the seat is not contested the senate may let her in.

Mrs. Long silent

Just where the situation would stand if the state central committee designated another nominee and that nominee is elected in April is problematical. Allen Elender, the nominee for the regular election, said today.

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PAIR INDICTED IN AKIN MURDER

PORTLAND, Feb. 1, (AP)—Leo Hall, convicted of the Erland Point "mass murder" in Washington, and Jack Bernard Justice of Portland, were indicted jointly by the federal grand jury today on a first degree murder charge for the slaying of W. Frank Akin of Portland.

Akin, special investigator, was shot to death in his apartment on Nov. 20, 1933.

Hall is under death sentence for the Erland Point massacre and will not be tried for the Akin killing. Justice, who has been held in jail here on an assault charge, will be required to defend himself against the murder charge.

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Inflationists Take Action

HOUSE BLOC MOVES TO GET BONUS PAYMENT INTO NEW CURRENCY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, (AP)—The house inflationary bloc adopted a resolution today for payment of the soldiers' bonus in new currency.

The resolution opposed any new taxes as "entirely unnecessary." It was adopted as word of a \$730,000,000 tax bill to meet bonus and farm relief was passed in high administration quarters.

Taxes Held Inevitable

There was no dissenting vote as Representative Patman, (D-Texas) leader of the group, put the question to approximately two-score representatives present.

"The understanding is, of course, that we are going to be faced with taxes soon," Patman told the group. "The question is, are we going to sit idly by and let the bankers get another take-off on the debt to the veterans?"

Representative Blanton, (D-Texas) asserted that the only reason financiers prefer the issuance of bonds to pay the bonus rather than currency expansion is "because they get 3 per cent interest on the bonds and a (Continued on Page Five)

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STATE LIQUOR CONTROL HEAD MADE TARGET

Jack Allen, Ex-Administrator, Criticizes Chairman

POLITICAL MOTIVE CHARGED M'MAHAN

Committeeman Described As "Veritable Bull In China Shop"

PORTLAND, Feb. 1, (AP)—A blistering criticism of the policies of the Oregon liquor control commission was made today by Jack E. Allen, whose resignation as administrator became effective today.

The ex-administrator declared the practices of the present commission are not in the public interest "and will lead to its downfall and the repeal of the law."

Allen was particularly outspoken in his reference to Arthur K. McMahan of Albany, chairman of the commission.

Political Plot Charged

He said McMahan "has been a veritable bull in a china shop."

"It has been apparent, even to the casual observer," Allen declared, "that McMahan has been attempting to use his office to further his own political ambitions."

The Allen statement continued: "During the last few months he (McMahan) has absolutely dominated the commission, dictated its policies, its personnel and even routine matters connected with the operation of the business; in fact, he has been a veritable bull in a china shop. His continued interference with the check placed by him personally on the initiative of all commission employees has created an intolerable situation and I have felt, in justice to myself, I could no longer continue as administrator."

Whole Policy Criticized

"It has been absolutely impossible for me to administer or perform the duties of my office in an efficient manner. I might add that under the present set-up, the position of administrator is really an unnecessary one."

"I have not been in accord with the policies of the commission."

"I do not believe in the stool pigeon system of obtaining evidence."

"I do not believe in the system of revoking licenses without a hearing."

"I do not believe that the chairman and attorney of the commission should perform the duties of the administrator, purchasing agent or personnel man."

"I have always looked upon a public office as a public trust. The practices of the commission are not in the public interest and will lead to its downfall and the repeal of the law."

"It is better, therefore, that I step down and out."

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Criticized



Arthur K. McMahan of Albany, chairman of the state liquor control commission, whose policies have been attacked by Jack E. Allen of Pendleton, the former administrator.

KLAMATH VOTERS DEFEAT MEASURES

Interest In May Primary Develops With End Of Special Election

Klamath County Votes	Yes	No
Primary Change	1484	2500
Legislative Pay	548	3348
Sales Tax	608	3299
Student Fee	520	2961
City Votes Only		
Student Fee	563	2932
Primary Change	906	1164

By MALCOLM EPLEY

It'll be a May primary this year. That assurance from Friday's election gave Klamath politics a push toward the active campaign stage, and by Saturday interest in potential candidates for local office was mounting rapidly.

Klamath voters joined others over the state in engulfing the fall primary bill in a flood of negative votes, and they likewise scuttled the sales tax, legislative pay and student fee plans offered on Friday's ballot.

The primary measure fared best with the 23 per cent of the registered voters who took the trouble to vote at the special (Continued on Page Five)

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ALL MEASURES BADLY BEATEN AT ELECTION

Avalanche of Opposition Found In Nearly Complete Count

SALES TAX DOWN FOR THIRD TIME

Student Fee, Legislative Pay, Primary Change Swamped

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1, (AP)—The 3 p. m. tabulation by the Associated Press, with reports from 1,419 of Oregon's 1,631 precincts, gave:

Primary date change Yes 50,309; No 144,586.

Legislators' pay Yes 27,305; No 171,582.

Sales tax Yes 80,268; No 174,120.

Student fee repeal Yes 48,861; No 150,949.

PORTLAND, Feb. 1, (AP)—An avalanche of "noes" buried each of the four state measures on the special election ballot, Associated Press tabulations showed today.

The sales tax, voted down to its most crushing defeat yet. There was a strong 5 to 1 margin against the tax to help finance old age pensions under the president's social security program.

Salary Boost Swamped

Even more emphatically did the voters deny legislators permission to set their own salary scale. Fully a 6 to 1 count was against it, and legislators will continue to receive only \$3,000 a year for their time in session.

A 3 to 1 count defeated compulsory student fee payments at institutions of higher education, and a strong 2 to 1 margin stifled the proposal to change the primary election date from May to September.

Vote Over Expectations

About 43 per cent of the registered voters—slightly more than expected—cast ballots.

Reports from 1,261 of Oregon's 1,631 precincts, gave:

Primary date change, yes 50,309; no 144,586.

Legislators' pay, yes 25,540; no 157,391.

Sales tax, yes 80,268; no 157,391.

Compulsory student fees, yes 46,074; no 138,642.

The sales tax was the only means of taking old-age pensions out of the hands of the counties and placing them under the more secure state-federal financing. Maximum pensions are \$30.00 a month to needy persons 65 years of age or older under Oregon's new state law, which will be dormant until financing is arranged.

No Session Planned

Governor Charles H. Martin said today he was even more determined than ever against summoning a special session of the legislature to deliver for other means of financing the pension plan.

"The two houses decided on the only available means of raising money to match federal funds for the aged and indigent, and if the people do not want that, there can be no old age pensions," Major-General Martin said.

"Without an appropriation from the state the federal government will not contribute."

An appropriation from the general fund, which has been proposed by some organizations, would only mean the foreclosure on more farms."

Filing Rush Likely

Defeat of the primary election date change signaled a rush by candidates wishing to file nominations for the May 15 primary election. David O'Hara, election clerk for the state department at Salem, said filings are about a month behind this year.

The final date for nominating petitions for filing of declaration of candidacies is March 30.

Curtailed of spring sports and other student activities at state institutions of higher education looked as an aftermath of the death blow to the long-expected compulsory student fee to support the extra-curricular activities.

However, the optional payments and efforts to make the activities more self-supporting were expected to salvage much of the program.

Astoria Girl Dies in Auto Accident

ST. HELENS, Ore., Feb. 1, (AP)—Julia Koski, 17, of Astoria, was killed last night when the automobile in which she was riding skidded from the highway near Seaside and crashed into a power pole. Ernest Anderson, the driver, was unhurt.