

EARLY ALLOTING HEAVY

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Observers Predict New Record

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Oregon voters turned out early and in sizeable number under perfect blue-sky weather Friday to mark their choice for president.

Voting in the primary was reported running at 10 per cent of the 264,000 registration in Portland's Multnomah County in the first hour.

The election provided the first western test of Gen. Eisenhower's popularity and a showdown on a dispute between two Republican factions for delegates to the national convention.

Election officials predicted a record 60 per cent turnout — or better than 450,000 of the 778,000 voters.

Sunny weather was forecast throughout the day. Polling hours are 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. P. D. — and counting the extra — long ballot will be a slow job.

Eisenhower rates tops to carry off the Republican preferential vote.

As the lone campaigner on his party's ticket, Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee appeared certain to get the 12 Democratic delegates.

UNPLEGGED Whether Eisenhower wins 10 or all 18 Republican delegates depends on the vote for eight unpledged delegates widely accepted to favor Sen. Taft of Ohio.

Some Taft followers sponsored an appeal for write-ins for the Ohio senator.

They have been careful, however, not to make too much of it. Even so, the gesture vote looked like the closest challenge to Gov. Warren of California for second place.

Of the other GOP entries: Ex-Gov. Stassen of Minnesota waged only a brief campaign. Gen. MacArthur and Sen. Morse of Oregon both made it plain that they do not consider themselves as candidates; in fact, Morse is running as an Eisenhower delegate.

William R. Schneider, St. Louis attorney, doesn't figure at all — POPULARITY

When the tallies start rolling in, they also will show the relative popularity of Sen. Kefauver in the Far West's first primary.

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and Gov. Stevenson of Illinois were entered against their will.

The appearance of the eight unpledged GOP delegate-candidates provided the only clash of any consequence in the active but otherwise even-tempered campaign.

Action Light At KF Polls At noon today a canvass of several polling places showed that a very light vote had been cast in the first three hours the polls were open.

However, normally the bulk of voters turn out in the late afternoon, after mills and businesses have closed.

Sample votes up until noon were: Precinct 5, 28 Democrats and 13 Republicans out of 219 registered; Precinct 6, 8 Democrats and 13 Republicans out of 270 total; Precinct 7, seven Democrats and 14 Republicans out of 303 total; North Altamont 11 Democrats and 15 Republicans out of 379; South Altamont 22 Democrats and 21 Republicans out of 424 total; Canal 13 and 13 out of 496; East Homedale 13 Democrats and 19 Republicans out of 304; North Homedale 14 Democrats and 14 Republicans out of 402; East Shasta 13 Democrats and 17 Republicans out of 498; North Shasta 18 Democrats and 11 Republicans out of 304; South Shasta 25 Democrats and 29 Republicans out of 377; West Shasta nine Democrats and 10 Republicans out of 233.

Counting boards in precincts with double boards came on at 1 p. m., but no official figures may be announced until the polls close.

Economy Howlers Vote Themselves More Funds

House OKs Favors For Lawmakers

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a complete reversal of previous demands for belt-tightening economy, the House has voted substantial tax relief for itself and senators and Congressmen.

The measure swept through the House Thursday as it passed the last of the annual domestic budget bills to operate Congress.

On all previous budget bills except one financing local river and harbor and flood control projects, the House had reduced allotments recommended by its Appropriations Committee. Demands for economy accompanied all the reductions.

The Congressional budget bill cleared by voice vote and went to the Senate with the distinction of being the first bill this year on which the House actually raised the allotments recommended by the Appropriations Committee.

TOTAL The bill's total of \$62,391,780 was \$1,500 more than the committee had suggested, although about 10 million below Budget Bureau recommendations.

The money finances Congress, the Library of Congress, the Government Printing Office and related arms of the legislative department.

The \$1,500 increase was for installation of more traffic signs and signals on Capitol Hill.

But two other amendments, for tax relief and free office rental, ran the added cost of the bill into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The tax amendment was offered by Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts and approved without a show of opposition or discussion.

The bill's Democratic and Republican managers announced willingness to accept it and the other members went along.

An explanation of the amendment by newsmen disclosed its intent, which McCormack verified.

It says that for purposes of federal taxation, members of Congress have their place of residence in the state or district they represent.

SIDE STEP This means that their expenses while on official business away from home are deductible as business expenses for tax purposes.

Since Congress normally stays in session almost the entire year, a member could deduct the cost of his housing, meals, transportation, entertainment, laundry and many other things while in Washington.

For most members this could mean a tax reduction of around \$2,000 annually. Those with higher than average living standards might pay no taxes at all.

Work Slated On BPA Link

Bonneville Power Administration will open bids June 2 on clearing of the last right-of-way link on the Redmond-Klamath Falls 230,000 volt electrical transmission line.

The section is 8.4 miles long, located near Diamond Lake junction, where the clearing was held up by many mining claims which were filed on property over which the right-of-way will pass.

All other clearing jobs between Klamath Falls and Redmond have been let and clearing work is far advanced.

The tract to be cleared contains a considerable amount of valuable ponderosa pine and also a quantity of lodgepole, and Bonneville hopes to get the right-of-way work done for approximately the value of the timber.

The contractor will have 175 days to complete the job.

River Channel Contract Let

A contract for construction of six and a half miles of channel for Lost River in Langell Valley, has been awarded the McKinnon Construction Company of Sandy, Ore., by the Bureau of Reclamation announced today.

The company's bid was \$214,368.84. It was low among six bids for the job.

McKinnon has moved equipment to the job site and has started work.

In addition to the channel work, there is required the construction of 2.7 miles of irrigation lateral to serve 702 acres of land which will be taken into the Langell Valley Irrigation District and the construction of a turnout on the east side of Malone diversion dam to serve approximately 1,870 acres of private land on which the ranchers will construct their own irrigation works.

The Lost River channel work will range in width from a 20-foot bottom in the upper and steeper reaches to 45 feet in the flatter area near the junction with Miller Creek. The main item of work for the McKinnon company is moving approximately three-quarters of a million yards of dirt. Three draglines and two bulldozers have been moved in to do the work.

The job should be completed by the end of this year.

'Dead' Voter Little Irked

Pity poor Justin A. McDonald, 128 High — he can't vote on account of they've got him marked down as dead.

McDonald, who regularly for years has cast his ballot (Republican) in Precinct 3, went to the polling place at the Baldwin Hotel today to do his duty as a citizen.

Buy his name wasn't on the poll book.

So the election board workers told him it was tough, go see County Clerk Charlie DeLap about it.

He went to the clerk's office — and his name wasn't listed there, either, among the registered voters.

Finally, somebody thought to look in the "deceased" file. (When a person dies, County Clerk DeLap pulls his card out of the file and writes "deceased" across it.)

There it was, plain as day: J. A. McDonald, deceased.

So he still couldn't vote.

Almost without a doubt, the person who pulled out J. A. McDonald's card and marked him dead got slightly balled up. He should have marked off A. J. McDonald, well-known Klamath Falls man, who died last summer.

At any rate, for a dead man, J. A. McDonald is plenty sore.

MARION COURTHOUSE BALEM (AP) — Vlesko and Post, a Salem contracting firm, Thursday submitted the low bid of \$1,016,786 for building a new Marion County courthouse.



PASSING IT ON—A bronze plaque from the USS Maine has been turned over to the local VFW post by Spanish American Veterans to insure the plaque's safekeeping. Above, Spanish American Vet Frank Simmons (right) presents the plaque to S. F. Henke, VFW commander.

Washout

MANDAN, N. D. (AP) — Radio Announcer Jack Harris told his listeners he would do the laundry for whoever identified the author of the statement, "so much to do with so little time."

Mrs. Henry Hoppe phoned to say the quotation was that of Cecil John Rhodes, South Africa pioneer, and the man whose will provided for Rhodes Scholarships.

Mrs. Hoppe then told Harris something about herself. She said she was a landlady for the Mandan state training school and its 300 inmates and employees.

Police Have Busy Night

Information concerning prowlers, lost billboards, a stolen air compressor and a transient being rolled in the "hobo jungles" outside town was reported to city Police last night.

Herbert P. Flower, Alturas, told officers he lost his billboard, containing \$95 in a local recreation hall Thursday.

Joe Pales, 4480 S. 6th, reported an air compressor worth \$300 stolen from a service station on Oregon Ave.

James Childers, 405 N. 2nd St., told Police he saw a prowler in the apartment building hallway at that address about 1:15 a. m. Thursday. He said the man broke and ran away out a back door.

A transient from Santa Barbara, Calif., Ernest Lettis, told police two Negroes took away his billboard and suitcase early Thursday morning in a secluded spot near the railroad tracks on the south end of town. Lettis this morning told police he found most of the belongings near where they had been taken from him.

Boys Knuckle Down Today

Four local youngsters will have grumpy knuckles and sore necks tonight—but they'll also have tickets to the state marble tournament at Portland Jantzen Beach Park May 24.

The winner and runner-up in two divisions will be picked from the 20-30 Club's district marble tournament at Recreation Park.

The mgk tournament opened this afternoon, 4:30 P. M.

About 46 contestants from seven Klamath Falls grade schools and four suburban schools opened shooting in two divisions—Class A for boys and girls aged 6 to 12 and Class B boys and girls 13 to 15.

One of the four will be in line for the main event of marbles on the national tournament at Durham, N. C., the big prize in the Young Oregonian meet at Portland.

New Strike Offer Made

Another offer to settle the strike of CIO woodworkers at Klamath Basin Pine Mills which is "much nearer the Weyerhaeuser settlement" (in the words of the union) has been made to Klamath Basin Mills workers by Ivan Kesterson, plant manager.

The mill workers will have an official meeting at the plant lunch-room Saturday at 4 p. m. to discuss the offer.

Klamath Basin Pine Mills has been struck for three weeks.

About a week ago the employees offered to go back to work if Kesterson would agree word-for-word with the agreement reached with the union and Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, leaving the problem of pay for the union's health and welfare demands up to local and further negotiations.

Kesterson turned down that offer and in turn made one which has resulted in strike settlement at several Northern California plants. The union termed it unacceptable, and now Kesterson has made a second offer.

Hal Oleger of the CIO said Saturday's meeting would be an official one, although held on company property.



FIRST CANDIDATE for queen of this year's Klamath Basin Roundup is 17-year-old Carol Hamilton (center above). Carol signed her entry blank yesterday at the Town Shop, one of three sign-up points this year. Flanking Carol are (left) Roundup Secretary Beth Chase and Keith Moon, Town Shop operator.

KUHS Senior Seeks Crown

By WALLACE MYERS A Klamath Union High School senior, whose hobby time is divided between riding and dancing, is the first entrant in the gala annual contest for queen of the Klamath Basin Roundup, July 2, 3 and 4.

The fetching brunette who tossed her 10-gallon chapeau into the queen trials ring yesterday afternoon was Carol Hamilton, 17, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Hamilton, 1215 Siskiyou and Elmer Hamilton, now in Manila.

There was an unexpected thrill awaiting Carol at the Town Shop, where she signed her entry blank yesterday. Keith Moon, operator of the shop, had quietly told Roundup officials several days ago that he planned to give the first queen trials entrant a special prize. So added to the many exciting events and gifts scheduled for Carol and the other queen candidates, was a beautiful play suit she received from Moon.

JUDGING Carol and the other candidates for queen this year will be judged on horsemanship, poise and personality. Horsemanship counts 60 per cent and the other two qualifications a collective 40 per cent.

The horsemanship trials will be at the Fairgrounds and the poise and personality grading will be done during the Queen's Ball at the Army. When the scores have been added and the new queen decided, last year's lovely Queen Mary Brown is to crown the new queen. Until the moment Queen Mary walks down the line of candidates and sets the crown on the lucky head, identity of the winner will be known only to Queen Mary and the judges.

Seven girls go into the finals at the Queen's Ball. They will be survivors of the horsemanship trials held earlier. All seven of the girls are featured throughout the Roundup and the many preliminary events; there will be the queen and six princesses.

ENTRANTS Several of last year's contestants are expected to enter again this year. There are three sign-up spots: the Town Shop, Charlie Read's Saddlery and Drew's Manstare.

Carol Hamilton will ride her seven-year-old mare, "Ribbon" in the horsey events of the Roundup. If Ribbon can match the attractiveness of her mistress, the two should be a prime contender for this year's crown.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California Sunny and warm Saturday. High Saturday 76. Low 56. High yesterday 66. Low 45. Precip last 24 hrs 0. Since Oct. 1 15.13. Normal for period 10.72. Same period last yr 14.84.

(Additional Weather on Page 4.)

Harriman Regains Demo Lead; Taft Favored in N. D.

By The Associated Press W. Averell Harriman moved back into the lead in the race for Democratic presidential nomination delegate strength Friday on the basis of a new survey in Pennsylvania.

Harriman, a mutual security director, had been trailing Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee in the Associated Press nationwide tabulation of delegates.

He had dropped to second place after leading Kefauver when he got the lion's share of his home-state New York's 96 votes.

Pennsylvania's 70-vote delegation was completed in the April 27 primary. Results then showed Harriman got four votes to Kefauver's 27.

This, plus results elsewhere in the country, gave Kefauver 108 1/2 votes to 93 1/2 for Harriman. The tally is based on concessions, pledges and leanings of delegates willing to state a preference.

UNCOMMITTED However, a new survey of Pennsylvania delegates showed it consider themselves uncommitted.

This group includes 19 originally pledged to support the preferential primary winner, who turned out to be Kefauver.

The new alignment — 16 more uncommitted than previously — gives Harriman 2 1/2 votes and Kefauver seven votes, making their national ratings read: Harriman 92, Kefauver 88 1/2. Convention nomination requires 616 votes.

Kefauver, however, appeared a clinch to pick up all 12 of Oregon's chosen Friday in a primary.

The Associated Press survey of Republican delegates showed that Taft was leading Eisenhower, 366 to 306.

Republicans in North Dakota convened at Bismarck Friday to name

In The NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

On the way back from a meeting over on the California coast the other day I stopped at a little roadside restaurant for a bite to eat. It was a one-man establishment, and there was a clerk, Mr. King, in conversation.

"Who are you going to vote for?" "I know I should have said "whom," but it seemed a trifle stiff and formal under the circumstances.

He said: "I quit voting years ago. I want no part of the mess."

I said: "Don't you think you may have been shirking? How are we going to clean up the mess if we don't vote?"

He queried: "How long have you been voting?"

I answered: "Much longer than I'm willing to admit. But so far as I know I've never missed a vote."

He shot back: "Have YOU cleaned up the mess?"

You know, for a minute he had me stumped. If it is true, according to my way of thinking, that the mess has been getting stickier and stickier. But, looking back over the years, I feel better about it than I HADN'T voted.

Anyway, having voted, I have the right to complain. That's something.

One word more. The little restaurant was shining, spot-and-shin clean. It fairly sparkled. Its owner was pink and scrubbed, his white hair neatly combed, his white shirt and white apron spotless.

It was Francis Bacon, one of the world's great thinkers, who said back in the 16th century: "Cleanliness of body was ever deemed to proceed from a due reverence to God."

John Wesley, one of England's great preachers, and perhaps the greatest of our English hymn writers, said three centuries later: "Cleanliness is indeed next to godliness."

The old gentleman in his little restaurant, you see, may have been a little off the beam in his political philosophy, but he has his good points.

By the way: Did you ever know anybody who was WHOLLY bad?

Half a dozen people have called this morning asking what to do about voting for Presidential electors. I've answered a traffic lightfully. "Vote for the six you'd rather see have the job. It doesn't make much difference."

I shouldn't have answered that way. We shouldn't be flippant about any of the traditional processes of our government. Maybe we'd better get into this elector business a little more fully.

Each state chooses one elector for each senator and each representative (that gives Oregon six at the present time.) As the Founding Fathers planned it, it was the job of the electoral college to choose the President and the vice-president. The method was for each elector to vote his choice. A line was then made of all persons receiving votes, and the one getting the highest number, providing it was a majority of all the electors, was named president and the one getting the second highest became vice-president.

The truth is that the Founding Fathers didn't have too much confidence in the masses. Their idea was to have the President and the vice-president chosen by what we regard as an intelligent, competent and thoughtful persons.

In practice it never worked quite that way. Washington was chosen President more less by acclamation. In most states, ways were soon found to vote directly for electors and the people began to vote for elector candidates pledged to vote for certain men for President and vice-president.

Then political parties were formed and people began to vote only for those electors who would promise to support only chosen party candidates. In that way, the people took the election of President and vice-president into their own hands.

Since 1868 the voters of all the states have chosen their electors by ballot on national election day. This provides that the party casting the highest number of votes in the state shall receive the ENTIRE electoral vote of that state.

Under this system, the six electors chosen in Oregon will cast Oregon's six votes in the electoral college for the party's candidate who received the majority of the Oregon popular vote for President and vice-president at the national election in November.

Of course, it is CUSTOM—not law. In 1948, one of Tennessee's 12 electors successfully defied the custom and voted for his personal choice. But that subject is too long and too complicated to be gone into here.

The custom that has prevailed since 1868 will prevail in Oregon in this national election year.

Murray Ready To Talk Peace

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Steelworkers Union Chief Philip Murray said Friday he is willing to renew labor peace talks with the steel industry, but stressed he's still standing pat on his demands.

Murray told reporters at the annual convention that it would be up to industry to initiate new negotiations, and that he was always ready to accept a bid.

Murray made it clear in his remarks to the convention that he was unwilling to retreat from the essential 28-cent an hour "package" plus union shop, recommendations of the government's Wage Stabilization Board (WSB). The industry has balked at the WSB proposals.

A solution to the deadlocked at dispute seemed as hopeless as ever.

Murray was willing to talk over his contract demands, but he phoned on any bargaining by the industry on the full WSB's terms.



MR. AND MRS. Robert W. Poole, 2663 Radcliffe, were caught waiting for the bus this morning headed for work.

BULLETINS

STUDIO BLAST

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—An explosion rocked the Warner Brothers Studio Friday and fired a sound stage and a movie set into a flaming inferno.

UTAH STORM

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A windstorm exploded with dynamite force over Northern Utah early Friday, overturning airplanes, uprooting trees, blowing a way roofs and disrupting power and light service.