

Tighter Law To Wipe Out Cattle Rustlers Wanted

PENDLETON, Ore., May 13—(P)—Oregon's brand law was termed "inadequate" Tuesday by the State Farm Bureau Federation's House of Delegates. The group asked that it be revised to affect "closer supervision of livestock movements and better judgment on the part of officers."

It also urged that the law be made to cover the entire state instead of just designated areas. The resolution declared that more complete records of transactions in dressed meat and live animals should be made available.

Members reported that "rui-

berted rustlers" had been active in many areas of the state recently and declared that the law must be made "tighter" to meet this threat.

The 58 delegates from throughout the state also moved to secure a "master" contract with canneries for farmers. A committee was instructed to survey present contracts and recommend a new one to cover all growers.

Under a "master contract" plan, now operating in some states, pea, bean and other vegetable growers would negotiate as a group instead of as individuals with canners.

A spokesman for the delegates said a better price would be obtained under this plan.

Father, Two Daughters Make Housing Team

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(P)—Two sisters and their 80-year-old father are busy building houses here—in the \$14,500 class.

Mrs. Evelyn Jehl gets up early in the morning to order cement. Her sister, Caroline Meadows, pays off the carpenters, plumbers and painters in the family kitchen. And their father, J. B. Meadows, handles the other angles.

The trio teamed up before the war in construction business but quit. Now they've started again. They already have completed two homes, three are nearly finished and five are in the planning stage.

Congress 'Drifts' To Await Expected Republican Rule

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WASHINGTON (NEA)—If recent developments in Congress give any clues, politicians are counting heavily on an entirely different kind of administration in Washington for the next four years. This new trend in government is really the old, old trend. It comes from the ultra-conservative Republican majority. But it gets plenty of support from the ultra-conservative Democrats.

In general, the drift is to let things drift. Don't do anything this year that can be put off until next. For after inauguration day, there may be a new President. The cocky Republican old guard thinks he will be a safe member of the GOP. And right-wing Democrats from the south say now that it isn't going to be Harry Truman. So things like these are noticeable:

There's a move on to extend appointments of the five-man Atomic Energy Commission under David Lilienthal for one or at the most two years. The law calls for instituting a five-year stagger system in the appointments. By approving short-term appointments, the Republicans hope to replace Lilienthal and maybe some others with men of their own choosing.

TVA Under Attack
Instead of trying to write a new long-range farm program, as the Republicans promised in 1946 and '47, the House agriculture committee under Cliff Hope of Kansas has ditched the idea. It merely wants to extend the present law for another year.

Instead of coming to grips with the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act renewal, the majority in Congress apparently wants to procrastinate. The act expires June 12. President Truman has asked for the usual three-year extension, previously granted four times.

Tennessee Valley Authority—perhaps the greatest single accomplishment of the Roosevelt years—is under attack in both houses of Congress. In the lower House, appropriations to build a new steam-electric generating plant near Memphis are opposed by the private power lobby and may be denied. In the Senate, Nevada's George Malone has taken up the fight long led by Tennessee's McKellar to restrict TVA operations. Fear of a presidential veto is probably all that delays these crippling amendments.

Though President Truman has repeatedly urged the need for standby anti-inflationary controls, the Republican leadership has shown no interest. Chairman Robert A. Taft of the joint congressional committee on economic reports has been too busy campaigning in Ohio to consider the draft of a report drawn up by his staff on these important matters. If there is any congressional interest in these things, it, too, is being put away until next year.

People Favor Liberals
The Senate has passed Senator Taft's long-range housing bill and a bill providing federal aids to education. But the still more conservative leadership in the House is stalling on both measures.

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Tabernacle Organ Being Remodeled

SALT LAKE CITY—(P)—One of the world's most famous musical instruments, the Mormon tabernacle organ, is being remodeled. The 81-year-old organ, which has been heard by thousands of visitors to Temple Square and millions of radio listeners in the past quarter-century, will have seven new sections of pipes installed before the next general conference of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Church in October. The total number of pipes will be 10,000, instead of the present 7,000.

Thorpe B. Isaacson, directing the remodeling, says that the exterior appearance of the massive organ will not be altered. Original pipes forming the imposing front of the organ will be retained. Some of the wooden interior pipes built in pioneer days also will be continued in use.

The organ was built on order of Brigham Young, pioneer president of the church, by Joseph H. Ridges, an English convert, who had lived for some years in Australia and, according to legend, built the first organ in that country.

Rifle, Smoke, Car Used To Kill Six Baby Coyotes

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho—(P)—Six baby coyotes are dead, but it took a rifle, a smoke amudge and a car to kill them.

Jack Mason, deputy conservation officer, said a mother coyote and six pups were seen on an air field here.

The mother got away and the little coyotes hid in a 10-inch culvert.

Conservation officers frightened four of the pups out so Mrs. Mason could shoot them. The other two remained huddled in the culvert. They wouldn't budge even when officers filled the culvert with smoke.

Finally a 10-inch "plug" was rigged up. Officers hooked it onto a car and dragged it through the culvert. The two pups came out with it and were shot as they ran for cover.

Toastmasters Complete Roster of 30 Members

The Toastmasters Club at the meeting Tuesday night voted to accept the recommendation of the executive council that the constitution and by-laws be adopted.

Senator Tom Parkinson was voted into the club as an honorary member. Senator Parkinson was one of the founders of the Toastmasters, but since he will not be able to attend regularly because of his office, he was given the honorary membership.

William Benoke, W. Thomas Coates and Sam McGoy were accepted into the club to complete the roster of 30 members. Milford Cyrus, who is ill, was removed to the inactive list.

The club will not meet next Tuesday, as the hotel banquet room has been reserved for the appearance here of Harold E. Stassen, Republican presidential and the first civil service em-

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