

Portland Wheat Export Drops To Low Figure

SALEM — Export movement of wheat out of Portland in the past six months was the smallest since 1946, the Oregon Department of Agriculture said Thursday.

Shipments in the six-month period totaled 3,526,946 bushels, compared with only 33,329 bushels in the same period of 1953.

Export of barley took a big jump, totaling 1,697,977 bushels, compared with only 33,329 bushels in the same period of 1953.

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Senate Passes Memorial Asking Appropriate Funds To Complete Three Dams

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM — The Oregon Senate completed unanimous legislative action Thursday on a memorial asking Congress to appropriate funds to continue the scheduled construction of Chief Joseph, The Dalles and McNary dams.

There was no debate on it. Sen. Stewart Hardie, Condon, asked for passage in order to convince Congress that the dams must be completed quickly to stall off a power shortage.

President Eisenhower has included the funds in his budget to permit the present pace of construction during the next fiscal year. Gov. Paul Patterson asked

the Legislature to adopt the memorial.

It is a companion piece to a similar memorial asking for construction of John Day Dam, either by the federal government alone, or by partnership. This one is bogged down in a controversy between Democrats and Republicans.

The Republicans support the John Day memorial, but the Democrats object to the provision that it could be built under partnership between the government and local agencies.

Sen. Lee Ohmart, Salem, vice chairman of the Senate Tax Committee and who was chairman of the House Tax Committee in 1953, announced he will introduce a proposed constitutional amendment to permit the Legislature to put emergency clauses on tax bills.

If the Legislature and the people pass this amendment, then the Legislature could go ahead and increase taxes without the people being able to invoke the referendum against them.

When a bill is referred to the people, it automatically is postponed until the election that is held 1 1/2 years after the Legislature meets.

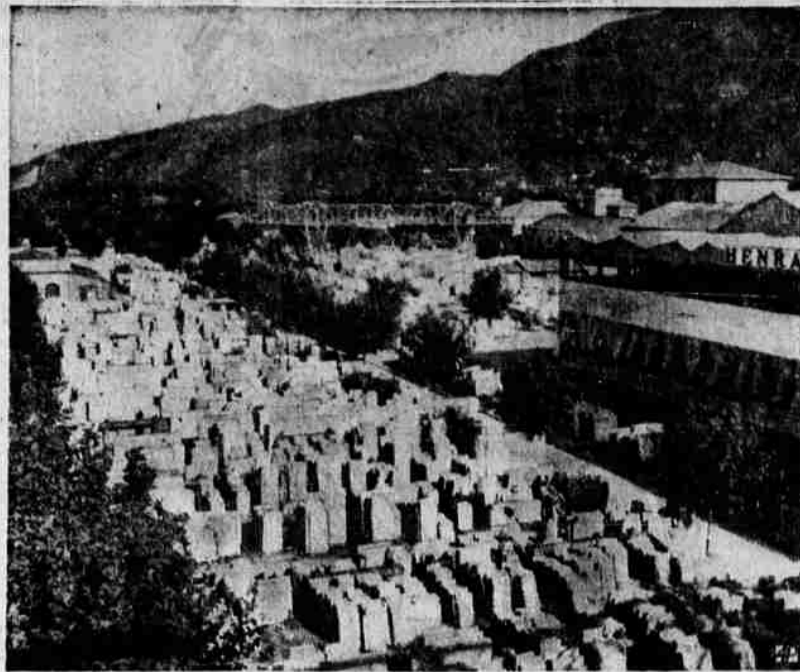
Ohmart said that the people have voted for measures costing \$100,000,000 a biennium, so they should let the Legislature vote the taxes to support these activities favored by the people.

Ohmart said that two-thirds of the members of the Senate and half of the House members have signed his proposal.

A memorial asking Congress to deepen the Columbia River channel to 48 feet was introduced by Rep. Maurine Neuberger, Portland Democrat. The channel now is 42 feet deep.

The House Highway Committee sponsored a bill to prevent cities, counties or other local governments from levying gasoline taxes.

More than nine million people in the United States have some form of heart disease.



MARBLE STOCKYARD—Much of this carrara marble at Carrara, Italy, is destined for reconstruction of Monte Cassino Abbey destroyed during World War II.

Investment Firm Told To Follow Lines Set By SEC

SAN FRANCISCO — The J. Henry Helser & Co., investment counseling firm of Portland is under court order not to conduct its business along lines to which the Security Exchange Commission objects.

Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman in issuing the interim order Wednesday said this does not constitute any admission that the firm is guilty of charges previously made by the SEC.

He explained he had refused the SEC a temporary injunction because that would have involved a lengthy hearing now. Instead he set the trial for April 4. Meanwhile the interim order will prohibit the company from engaging in any practice in violation of the federal Investment Securities Act.

The order stipulates that the company will not make any representations that safety of principal is assured or that the accounts will appreciate 100 per cent in value or that the income of the accounts will be 9 or 15 per cent in any particular amount.

The order said that the company must not make representations to the effect that it has a special investment program for each client's account. It also specifies that the company will promptly deliver to each officer or agent engaged in soliciting or serving accounts of clients a copy of the court order. It further reserved to the SEC the right to ask the court for relief in the event of breach of any part of the court order.

The court also directed the company not to make any representation to clients that monthly checks are income, if they are not.

The Helser company has 37 branch offices in California and Oregon.

Woman Wins Acquittal In French Murder Case

PERPIGAN, France — One of France's most sensational postwar murder trials ended early today with the acquittal of Marguerite Marty on charges she poisoned her cousin Mrs. Jeanne Candela to get the cousin's husband.

During the nine-day hearing, Miss Marty admitted the husband, Eulogio Candela, was her lover but she denied poisoning his wife. She charged police beat her repeatedly in an effort to get a confession.

From the witness stand, police inspectors denied the charge. A court-appointed doctor testified she had been beaten but did not indicate who did it.

THE EASY WAY

POCATELLO, Idaho — Without moving from his cell at county jail here, Deputy Sheriff Earl Cutler arrested a man wanted on a charge of grand larceny. Cutler says he served the warrant on Franklin Warren, 20, of Fort Hall, as the man was leaving the jail after visiting a friend.

Curtin Airman Slated For Wyoming Training

By MRS. RUBY MEACHAM
A/3c Raymond Potts of Parks Air Force Base near Oakland, Calif., is home on a short furlough visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Potts. When Potts returns he will go to Cheyenne, Wyo., for further training.

Sgt. Lynn Jacob, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob, is expected to sail from Hawaii Jan. 18 for San Francisco and is expected to be home shortly. Sgt. Jacob has been overseas for over a year and a half.

Pvt. Albert Goins came home on a 22-day furlough from Ft. Lewis, Wash., last week. He is to report for duty to New Jersey and will then be sent to Germany. Pvt. Goins and his mother, Mrs. Grace Goins, left Friday for Ferndale, Wash., to visit the Elmer Beck home. They expect to return Monday with Emily returning with them as she has been visiting with her sister and family the past few weeks.

The Ted Lyman who lost their home last week by fire, expect to rebuild right away. It is reported a donation of \$250 was raised by the men working with Lyman and also lumber will be donated. Several Curtin men around have promised to help with the house building.



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Farmers Union Would Up Tax On High Incomes

SALEM — The Oregon Farmers Union wants to balance the state's budget by increasing taxes on incomes of more than \$7,000 a year.

Its legislative committee announced Thursday that it is opposed to boosting the property tax, and opposes a sales tax.

The committee also said it would work against any proposals to build power dams by partnership between federal and local agencies.

LADIES PRESENT, PLEASE

BURSA, Turkey — Women are now being admitted free to local soccer matches. The reason? Authorities decided it would help curb swearing by male spectators at referees and players.

State Colleges To Be Inspected By Committee

SALEM — The Ways and Means Subcommittee on Higher Education will inspect every state college and the university before it recommends how much money they should get from the Legislature.

Sen. Gene L. Brown, Grants Pass, subcommittee chairman, said the National Guard transport plane would be used for trips to Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande, Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland, and Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls.

Such inspections haven't been made for many years. Brown said that officials of the University of Oregon Medical School told him they hadn't seen a legislative committee at the school for 30 years. The subcommittee inspected that school Tuesday.

Other subcommittee members are Sens. Charles W. Binger, La Grange, and John P. Hounsell, Hood River; and Reps. Orval Eaton, Astoria, and W. W. Chadwick, Salem.

The committee's schedule of visits:

Jan. 20—Oregon College of Education, Monmouth.

Jan. 24—University of Oregon, Eugene.

Jan. 25—Oregon State College, Corvallis.

Jan. 26—Portland State College and dental college, Portland.

Jan. 31—Eastern Oregon College of Education.

Feb. 1—Oregon Technical Institute.

Feb. 2—Southern Oregon College of Education.

Washington Cities Seek One Per Cent Sales Tax

OLYMPIA — Legislation that would permit cities to levy a one per cent sales tax was supported Thursday by representatives of the city of Seattle.

City Councilman Charles M. Carroll, legislative representative for the Seattle City Council, said the move for the permissive legislation has not been drafted into bill form yet but is taking shape.

Meanwhile Chester Beeson, executive secretary of the State Assn. of Washington Cities, said his organization has taken no stand on the proposal. He said it had not even been considered as a means of helping the cities solve their financial dilemma.

Carroll said he would favor such a tax if it were not applied to foodstuffs. He estimated it would raise approximately 12 million dollars a year in Seattle if it were applied to all items.

Electronic Vote System Will Get Investigation

SALEM — House Speaker Ed Geary decided Thursday to investigate whether to install an electronic voting system in the Oregon House of Representatives.

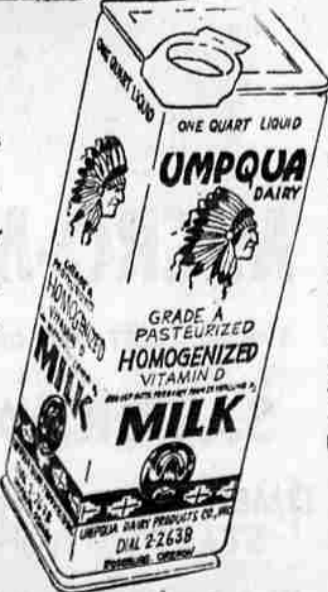
He asked Rep. Robert L. Elstrom, Salem, to look into the system now being used by the Washington state House of Representatives. Elstrom was in Olympia, Wash., conferring on fish and game matters.

The Washington House began trying out a system at the beginning of the present session.

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