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LEGION COMMANDER MURPHY'S SPEECH.

Anyone truly interested in keeping this country out of war will, without doubt, agree with National Commander Murphy of the American Legion in his forceful endorsement, at the Roseburg convention, of the plan of universal conscription in time of war. He said:

"The law we ask would cost not one penny; it would interfere with business not one whit, becoming operative only when war is declared and ceasing to operate upon the re-establishment of peace."

"We ask only that if there must be war, dollars should fight the same as men; that in time of war the country shall bring into its service capital, industry and manpower on a basis of absolute equality, with special privilege and profits for none."

The enactment of such a law would come nearer to keeping us out of war than all the peace treaties that will ever be entered into by the nations of the world, provided it be as strictly enforced as was the conscript law in the World War. When men and money, big men as well as little men, laborers and capitalists are conscripted for the duration of a war at government salaries and no fortunes can be made, only absolute necessity will put us into another war.

If all the great powers of the world would meet now in a peace conference and agree to adopt such a law and live up to that agreement, the terrible menace of the bloodiest war in the history of the world would be averted off.

A profitless war would not appeal to capital. It cannot be expected that all of the great powers would agree to adopt such a law at the present time, but if the members of all the churches join with the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Spanish-American War veterans, this country can and will adopt such a law.

If and when the United States decides to take such a step, regardless of what other nations may do, then we must always maintain an adequate national defense—defense only; maintain permanently a strict neutrality; maintain strict government control and regulation of the manufacture and sale of war material of all kinds and finally, if everybody is to be subject to draft in case of war, it would seem to be logically follow that compulsory military training would be necessary in order to prepare young men for such a contingency. The lack of training resulted in the death of thousands of our young men in the Spanish-American war. Untrained officers and untrained men did not know how to take care of themselves.

A universal draft law should not be accompanied by a bill making military training optional in the institutions of learning in this state or of any other state of the union. A universal draft law would call for universal preparedness.

AN ART COMMISSION.

A joint communication from the Lewis & Clark Chapter of the D. A. R., the Lane County Federation of Women's clubs and the Fortnightly club urges the establishment of an Oregon Art commission to assist the Capitol Construction commission in securing a distinctively Oregon capitol building — "a building adequately representative of the Oregon scene, and of a quality in its enrichments of which we may be proud."

The Art Commission, it is suggested, should be appointed by the governor, one member of which should be recommended by the faculty of the university, one by the school of forestry of the college, one by the Salem Art association, one by the Portland Art association and the fifth to be an outstanding Oregon historian.

The art commission, it is urged, "after due consideration of the art problems, architectural limitations, and the Oregon background and resources of art and crafts, would suggest to and advise with the

capital construction commission, their architects, artists and craftsmen, and designate enrichments and memorials, particularly those that should be considered more distinctly as Oregon memorials."

There surely can be no question as to the necessity of having the paintings, the sculptures, the wood carvings, the adornments—the enrichments of every kind—passed upon by judges, who, on account of their artistic and historical background and experience, will be competent to select those that will harmonize with the building which the architect has planned.

Everything possible should be done to obtain a change in the alleged ruling of WPA to the effect that the art and enrichments of the capitol should be let to the lowest bidder, or cheapest of "three decorators." Aside from the fact that the people of Oregon should not be subjected to such an indignity, it is almost certain that the lowest bidder or "cheapest decorator" would be more interested in making money than in artistic and harmonious adornments.

OREGON BEAUTY SPOTS.

Undoubtedly Sentinel readers enjoyed reading the story of "The Sea Lion Cave," written by Miss Belle Burtholder, which appeared last week. As you read that story you could see those strange creatures "part fish, part lion," "swimming on a rocky ledge far below" that "winding trail high along the cliff," "like a group of lonesome lions basking in the sun, until they move, then like fishes out of water."

Those of you who have seen the sea lion cave enjoyed reading that good story as much as those who had never seen it, but that's true.

You have visited a number of the beautiful and interesting places in Oregon on your week-end trips. Just remember that others would enjoy reading about those places as much as you enjoyed reading the sea lion cave story.

You say you can't write. Did you ever try your hand at writing? If not, it is time you did. You write letters don't you? Really there is practically no difference between writing a letter about some place you have visited and writing that same story for publication. Just write it as though you were writing to a friend.

A magazine editor says there is a story in everyone. The writer believes that there are stories in everyone. Will you share your pleasant memories of your visit to the beauty spots of Oregon, or to those of any other state or country, by writing a story to The Sentinel?

Remember the following quotation from Cicero: "A man would have no pleasure in discovering all the beauties of the universe, even in heaven itself, unless he had a partner to whom he might communicate his joys."

MONEY TALKS.

\$24,517,331.899—cost of the United States government from time of President Washington to Theodore Roosevelt.

\$25,047,783.509—cost of the United States government during three and a half years of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration.

If you are a fair mathematician it might interest you to figure out how much per day the presidents from Washington to Theodore Roosevelt spent and how much per day F. D. Roosevelt has spent in only three and one-half years.

The attention of Sentinel readers is directed to the World, National and State news in this issue. The astounding increase of importations of farm products will not only be of interest to farmers, but also to consumers. The new deal plow-and-restricted planting policy left no surplus for lean years. It increased the prices of farm products, but it looks as though even the farmers will have to buy instead of sell at the increased prices.

A new deal congress passed several laws exempting government positions from the merit system. This resulted in the addition of around 250,000 political workers to the payroll at an annual cost to taxpayers of around 425 million dollars. The unclassified democratic postmasters have recently been placed under the civil service by a blanket order. Wonder how soon the 250,000 will be civil serviced?

Various countries have recovered from the depression. For 19 countries the League of Nations compares present industrial production with that of 1929. Japan leads with 135 per cent. Great Britain is sixth with 112 per cent. The United States is fifteenth with 79 per cent. New deal laws have checked industrial recovery here and other nations are taking world markets.

At some point during the coronation ceremonies of an English king, a glove is placed on his right hand to remind him to go easy on his tax collections. This may be the secret of Britain's balanced budget. That glove should have been borrowed and used during the inauguration—or should it be called the coronation—of F. D. Roosevelt.

STATE CAPITOL NEWS LETTER

Salem, Ore., Aug. 19.—The legality of marble boards, pin-ball machines and motion picture theater "bank nights" will be argued before the state supreme court this fall.

Whether the coin machines are games of skill and lawful amusement devices or gambling paraphernalia will have to be determined by the state's highest tribunal. And whether "bank night" is within the law or beyond the pale as a lottery will also have to be settled.

The decision will be state-wide in scope. Either the marble machines, which are reputed to have a "take" of \$4,000,000 per year, will continue to operate or they will go.

Ralph E. Moody, assistant state attorney-general and special prosecutor of gambling and vice cases in Marion county, started the questions on their way through the courts. After stopping the operation of the machines in Salem, convicting a Salem policeman of bribery and unsuccessfully trying the city's chief of police twice for alleged negligence in failing to prosecute known gamblers, Moody suddenly ordered Sheriff A. C. Bark of Marion county to stop the operation of all marble boards, pin-ball games and "bank nights" within five days.

On the last day of grace, attorney

obtained temporary restraining orders preventing state or county officials from seizing or destroying the machines at least until September 17, when arguments on a permanent injunction will be heard.

A new old age pension plan has taken its place in Oregon's political affairs.

Organized Voting Power, Inc., is the name of the group which filed articles of incorporation with Chas. H. Carey, state corporation commissioner. Its goal will be an organization — (membership fee, \$1 per year) — to work for this pension plan.

A check for \$75 per month for every citizen over 50 years of age, and all unemployables, blind, crippled and physically handicapped persons no matter what their age; \$25 per month for each dependent.

A two per cent transactions tax on all business to raise the revenue, which the pension sponsors propose to have collected by the federal bureau of internal revenue, and deposited in the U. S. treasury and disbursed by the U. S. veterans administration. R. V. Stroup, C. H. Allen, E. E. Graffinger, A. W. Banks and Richard Deich, all of Portland, formed the organization.

Whether an initiative bill to prohibit Columbia river fishing with traps and seines will get on the November general election ballot is another question before the local courts.

A temporary restraining order

has been issued against Secretary of State Snell, and arguments will be heard September 4 for a permanent injunction. William H. Trindle, Marion county district attorney, appeared as plaintiff in the action, alleging he had reason to believe many supposed signatures of voters on the petitions were paid for in violation of law, it was charged, and circulators made false affidavits as to signatures.

Oregon farmers may sell 50,000 tons of surplus hay to the drought regions of the mid-west. Five railroads agreed to set up an emergency freight rate of \$4 per ton—the regular carrying charge is \$13.20—after they had been bonded for two weeks by state and federal officials.

Governor Martin, Solon T. White, state director of agriculture; Frank C. McCulloch, public utilities commissioner; Ray W. Gill, master of the state grange; George W. Potts, president of the Oregon Farmers Union; F. L. Ballard, Oregon State college; Mabel Irwin, secretary of the Farm Rate council; W. L. Goslin, the governor's private secretary; Senators Charles L. McNary and Frederick Steiwer and Rep. James Mott were all raising telegrams on the railroad presidents before they gave in.

The legislature's interim commission on governmental and administrative reorganization is keeping busy studying a plan nearly as long as its name.

Creation of a state department

THE CHURCHES

Free Methodist Church, A. E. Sims, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11; sermon subject, "Christian Essentials," evening service, 7:45, sermon subject, "Christian Essentials," union service in the city park, 8 o'clock, meeting, Thursday night.

First Christian Church, E. Elmer Coulter, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11; sermon subject, "To Must Be Born Again," union service in the evening at the park, unified Endeavor, 7 o'clock, prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, young people's Bible study, Thursday evening.

Baptist Church, Henry W. Davis, Pastor.—Sunday school, 10; forenoon service, 11; sermon subject, "Our Homes and Charities of Fire" or "Reserves of Power in the Time of Crisis," evening service, 8; union service in the city park, 8 o'clock, meeting, Thursday night.

Christian Science Society, 242 South Second St.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11; sermon subject, "Mind."

M. E. Church, C. J. Hall, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11; sermon subject, "An Old-fashioned Gospel Truth—Forgiveness." We worship with the Presbyterian folks, evening service, 8, at the city park.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ross Dustin, pastor of Eugene church, district superintendent, Paul Pearson, pastor emeritus, Harold Ashbaugh, presiding elder.

of business regulation by consolidating the banking, insurance and corporation departments is being considered for recommendation to the January, 1937, legislature. Some other changes under consideration are: Transfer from the state treasury to the tax commission of responsibility for collection of the inheritance and gift taxes, transfer from the land board to the tax commission of the handling of escheated estates, placing of all purchasing under the budget director instead of the secretary of the board of control.

The state penitentiary is crowded to capacity with 1000 prisoners. Not all are in the main cell blocks, of course, but never before in history have so many convicts been in confinement.

An even 14,000 persons have "lone time" in the penitentiary since it was established by the territory of Oregon in 1851. The prison was built in Portland, but moved to Salem in 1896. By a strange coincidence, both convicts No. 1 and No. 14,000 were from Marion county and committed the same crime, larceny. First inmate was Indian Charley, No. 14,000 is Joseph Gager.

Four new railroad construction projects are being considered in Oregon, Public Utilities Commissioner McCulloch and Governor Martin revealed.

The city of Grants Pass, whose unique charter permits it to own and operate a railroad, and Crescent City, Cal., harbor district have already applied to the Interstate Commerce commission for permission to extend the California Oregon Coast railroad from its present terminus at Water Creek, Ore., to Crescent City, Cal.

The \$14 miles of construction would cost \$7,380,711, with nearly half the money coming as a grant from the federal works progress administration and \$3,700,000 as a loan from the reconstruction finance corporation.

The I. C. C. has already approved construction of the 90-mile Gold Coast railroad from Port Orford to Leland, 20 miles north of Grants Pass. Talk of a cross-state line from Burns to the coast via Klamath Falls has been revived. The war department, too, is talking of completing a link between Humboldt Bay, Cal., and Coos Bay to give complete railroad connection from San Francisco to the mouth of the Columbia river. The line would allow the rapid movement of railroad artillery in coast defense.

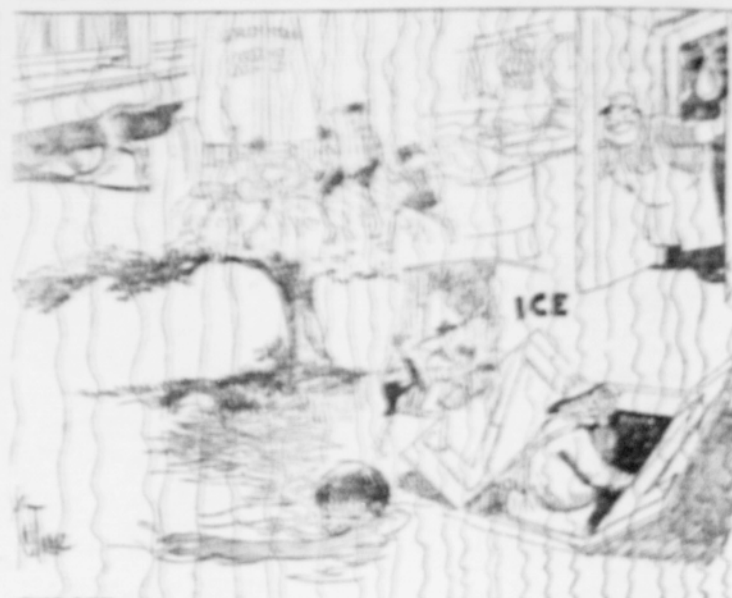
The state highway department and A. R. Hollingshead, of Harper, tiny Malheur county town, are at war.

Hollingshead notified the department he was going to put a toll gate across a section of the Central Oregon highway because he was not paid for the right-of-way taken by the road across his property. The state said the county would have to pay. But if the toll gate goes up, the state will have to go to court to tear it down.

The state insurance department's business is better than ever, according to Commissioner Hugh H. Earle. Collections of company and agents' license fees and taxes on net premiums will be nearly \$750,000 this year—\$40,000 more than came in last year—Earle said.

Governor Martin declined to aid a man in West Los Angeles in finding a wife. But Private Secretary W. L. Goslin would. He sent the Romeo two letters from women in Salem and Baker who seemed interested in the mail-order proposal.

90° in the Shade



Lowell Butler, chorister, Saturday services, Sabbath school, 9:30, Martin Jensen, inst., Doris Conklin, children's department, preaching service, 11. Pastor Dustin speaks the first Saturday of each month, other Sabbath, visiting ministers often occupy the hour; Wednesday evening prayer meeting, 7:30. Mrs. Mary Cochran is at present giving Bible studies on the prophecies of the Book of Revelations. All services are helpful and inspiring. Visitors welcome.

Miss Mildred Ginn, an Oregon girl, who has spent 4 years in the mission fields of India, will speak at the 7:45 evening service at the Pentecostal church Sunday. Miss Ginn will relate many of her experiences in the mission from India. Her message is in such demand that she is scheduled to give only one service in each city she visits.

The Baptist Sunday school will hold a picnic this evening Thursday at the old orchard on Row river. A program of outdoor games has been planned for entertainment. Supper will be served at 8:30.

W. C. T. U. Meets.

The W. C. T. U. met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. J. Hall. Mrs. C. L. Madden had charge of devotions. They agreed to earnestly support the churches and all groups who took a stand recently against the sale of package liquor goods in retail stores of the city. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Rumors For Roosevelt.

"Moscow orders Reds in the United States to back Roosevelt," was the news flashed by the Chicago Tribune Press Service from Giza on August 8, when Communist International headquarters at Moscow ordered all American agents and followers to knife Landon and support Roosevelt. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Spanish-American War Veterans would do well to investigate this report.

Public Utilities commissioner McCulloch announced that the reduction by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company of telephone rates would go into effect on bills dated Friday. This reduction is expected to save the company's Oregon customers \$90,000 yearly.

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