

# CAPITAL PARADE

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*Editor's Note: This report was delayed somewhere in the mails and did not arrive until Saturday. It is believed to be too important to omit, thus publication this week.*

## LEGISLATIVE PACE

The tempo of the Oregon legislature is just right.

Not too fast nor too slow. Timing is important. It can make or break a session, and nobody will know what happened. The greatest dangers are rushing and bolting. We have seen it happen too often not to be apprehensive.

Although it was the longest on record, the 1947 session was not quite long enough. There were 12 bills passed in the spastic last hours that were faulty and cost taxpayers plenty. Hurry-up methods in lawmaking always defeat three of the essentials of the process of good legislation, a fermenting period, a cooling-off period and deliberation.

There is one point on which this legislature has, from the start, been of one mind. That is not to monkey with new taxes. They realize that the state's financial problems are locked in a labyrinth of tax laws and that it will be difficult to fashion a key that will not open new doors of the tax structure.

The past ten days of severe weather, the highways made so treacherous with snow and ice, has chilled good intentions to make a short session of it. Delegations from over the state slated to meet with legislative committees and at public hearings have been thrown off schedule.

## GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

A complete new liquor control commission was appointed this week by Gov. Douglas McKay. The three new members are Carl

W. Hogg, of Salem; W. A. Spangler of Klamath Falls and Richard W. Reed of Eugene.

Hogg, who will serve as chairman, will succeed Dr. Orval Eaton of Astoria, with term expiring Jan. 1, 1950. Attorney general George Neuner had given the governor an opinion on Eaton's position, finding that as Eaton is mayor of Astoria he cannot hold two lucrative offices. Spangler will succeed to the term of Harry D. Bovin, of Klamath Falls, who resigned during Gov. Hall's administration. Spangler's term expires Jan. 1, 1952. Reed will succeed Admiral Thos. L. Gatch, Portland, who declined Gov. McKay's offer of re-appointment. Hogg is a partner in Hogg Brothers, furniture and appliance stores in Oregon City and Salem and is an active leader in many civic activities. Reed is a former U of O football star and is Willamette valley representative for a national insurance company. Spangler is engaged in the lumber business.

Other appointments made this week were:

George Aiken, George Neuner, Victor P. Morris, Charles Strickland and George Flagg as members of the governor's committee on interstate co-operation.

Frank Vincent, Portland, re-appointed as member of the state wage and hour commission.

Dr. O. C. Hagmeier of Seaside and Dr. Chas. E. Hunt of Eugene re-appointed and Dr. Thos. E. Griffith of The Dalles appointed as member of the State Board of Health. The appointments have been presented to the state senate for approval.

## WINCHELLIZING OUR SOLO

"Oregon Legislature and Pressure Groups," will appear in This Week, supplement magazine, on Sunday, Jan. 30. The author, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, is renowned as a writer radical in his own neighborhood—which is all of America. The famous initials of

Rep. Grace Oliver Peck, (GOP), Portland Democrat, are perverse as to her party affiliations. She insists the republican party symbol, GOP, anticipates going out a politics. The birthdays of 12 members of the legislature occur in March, three in January, and four in February. An astrological senator says the March group are "influenced by Jupiter, which presages a sympathy with nature (the dilettante astrologist is a republican) and purity of soul." Ten of the present legislators are graduates of the University of Oregon, and ten of Oregon State College. Only five are graduates of Willamette University but include Sen. Wm. E. Walsh, president of the senate, and Rep. Frank J. VanDyke, the speaker of the house. Senator Orval Thompson of Albany has just been acclaimed the first citizen of his home town. In 1941 he was the youngest member of legislature and of the senate in 1947 and 1949.

## "KELLY SAYS"

The third biennial report of the Postwar Readjustment and Development commission just issued by Executive Director John W. Kelly is a valuable and interesting appraisal of Oregon. Briefed on one page, Kelly says, "The State of Oregon is first in population gain—49.3 per cent. Second in percentage of increase in tax collections, 1940-47. Fourth percentage in total income payments. Eighth in percent of farms with electric service. Twentieth in manufacturing payrolls. Twenty-first in per capita income.

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