



A LEADER SPEAKS

A red-headed young fireball stood in the marble halls of Oregon's capitol Friday and mapped a moral route for government. His audience was Gov. Douglas McKay, state officials and the august joint assembled legislators memorializing Abraham Lincoln.

All were deeply impressed with the address by the young man, Paul C. Smith, editor and general manager of San Francisco Chronicle. He is rated as one of the great editors of the day.

It was not his first visit to the capitol. On that first visit 20 years ago he slept in the park under a rhododendron bush, as he lacked cash for lodging.

He said in speaking of the state of humanity, "man no can eliminate himself from the globe, but at the same time stands on the threshold of the greatest civilization ever conceived." The bomb, he declared, "is the least important aspect of atomic power. The dangerous thing is the detonator, which is explosive human behaviorism." Typical of behavior, he listed promotions of class war, attempts to punish political enemies and refusal to yield event at a traffic intersection.

In the evening at a Lincoln Day dinner he admonished sated Republicans to put more time to evaluating practical principles and less time in manipulations of personal interests.

GOVERNOR IRKED

Everyone attending a legislative session eventually arrives at that all-time-low of mental demerch, to question, "When will the legislature end?"

This season's problem baby, says Gov. Douglas McKay is "When will the session start?"

The governor is of the opinion that the more important state problems should have the green light and be considered first. He has a special message prepared which he will deliver to the legislature if the house taxation committee does not show some action this week. This committee is the only one that can pass on tax-creating measures. Such bills must originate in the house. The governor had expressed a desire to keep out of the legislature's business, but he said, "Now is the time something has to be done."

On the 36th day of this session there had been 690 bills, resolutions and memorials introduced (with 64 passed by both houses and 26 of them signed by the governor. Nearly all of the legislation passed so far has been or comparatively minor importance. The 1947 session had 1060 bills and other measures, with the session lasting for a record of 83 days.

TAX DOCTORS STYMIED

Besides many huge problems of finance the house taxation committee has 26 bills including those providing for repeal of the withholding tax, eliminating withholding tax on wages of agricultural and domestic workers earning less than \$50 a month; a 3% tax on businesses operating in Oregon and also in other states; a 10% tax on theatres, races and athletic contests; timber land to be assessed by state tax commission instead of county assessor; a 1/2 of 1% gross receipts on business; placing tax on pinball machines, etc., that federal income taxes shall not be deductible from state income tax payments; a 2% tax on cigarettes, license dealers, fix minimum sales price; placing corporate excise tax on telephone companies, public utilities, etc.

FEDERAL PRISON FOR WOMEN

More adequate conditions for rehabilitation of women prisoners of the 11 western states could be achieved if all were incarcerated in a federal prison in one of the states, is the belief of Warden George Alexander of the Oregon penitentiary. The plan was pro-

posed at a recent meeting of the American Bar association and was approved in principle by the western regional conference of the council of state governments.

A bill authorizing the state to co-operate with other western states in the plan has been introduced in the legislature.

The states have different ways of handling women prisoners.

California, with some 300 women prisoners, has a prison for

them exclusively at Tehachapi, and has been trying to get the government to take it over.

The plan would be effective when ratified by California and two or more of the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and Washington.

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For the past week, ending on Sunday:			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
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Feb. 15	47	40	1.58
Feb. 16	48	46	.62
Feb. 17	48	46	.25
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