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State Capitol News Letter

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Political Plans of Snell Unknown—Income on Liquor Interests

SALEM — What does Earl Snell plan to do, politically?

Does the eastern Oregon legislator plan to seek at the hands of the electorate the office of secretary of state which was denied him at the hand of Governor Meier when that office was left vacant upon the death of Hal E. Hoss? Or is he flirting with the notion that he would prefer to occupy the office of governor?

When the death of Secretary of State Hoss left that office open it was generaly taken for granted, among the politically wise, that Snell would be appointed to the post. Appointment of P. J. Stadelman of The Dalles, instead, came as a distinct surprise to all concerned. Many of Snell's friends declared that he had been deliberately double crossed by the governor, but others see in the failure of Snell to land the plum his refusal to take it with any strings attached thereto.

It was then expected, and freely predicted that Snell would enter the republican primaries as a candidate for the secretaryship. He is understood to have made several trips to Portland to look over the political situation, but continues to maintain a sphynx-like silence as to his plans. This silence is attributed by some prognosticators to the efforts of a certain group of king-makers to persuade Snell to set his sights a little bit higher and aim at the governorship.

Announcement by Carle Abrams of Salem this week that he proposed to seek the republican nomination for secretary of state was expected to bring Snell out into the open and there was considerable disappointment when he returned to Arlington without having committeed himself.

The political intentions of P. J. Stadelman, newly appointed secretary of state, is also arousing considerable interest around the capital. While Stadelman has never indicated that he was considering entering the campaign as a candidate for the office, neither has he closed the doors to his entry into the race. Whatever his intentions toward an elective term he is taking the responsibilities of his office very seriously and is throwing himself wholeheartedly into the job, visiting state institutions, sitting in at board meetings and otherwise familiarizing himself with the multifarious duties of the office.

While it is taken for granted that the democrats will have a candidate for the secretaryship, developments to date have given no indications as to just who the candidate might be. Ed Aldrich, Pendleton newspaperman, has denied any political ambitions as also has Miss Gelia Gavin of The Dalles, both of whom have been mentioned in connection with the secretaryship. Around the capital here Ray Wisecarver of McMinnville is regarded as the best bet the democrats have. Wisecarver made a good race for the office two years ago and the publicity which he received at that time would stand him in good stead now if he should decide on another try for the office.

Announcement by John Goss of Marshfield that he wants to go to congress from the first Oregon district insures a real race in both the democratic and republican congressional primaries. Goss, a democrat, will oppose R. R. Turner of Dallas in the May contest, while James W. Mott will have to defeat J. M. Devers of Salem in May if he wants to go into the November finals as the republican contestant against the successful democrat.

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Cities and counties must wait for any share in liquor licenses or profits until after the first $3,000,000 has been set aside for unemployment relief. Attorney General VanWinkle has advised State Treasurer Holman that the unemployment relief fund must come first. After that provision is satisfied 75 per cent of the liquor profits will be divided among the counties on a population basis with 25 per cent being retained for the state. Counties barring the sale of liquor under the local option provision will be barred from participation in profits from its sale in other counties. License revenues, after the unemployment relief fund is raised, will be returned to the cities and counties, minus administrative costs, the attorney general points out in his opinion. Based upon present indications there will be no liquor revenues for cities and counties this year and the next legislature will have a chance to amend the act if the unemployment emergency shall have passed by that time.

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Sponsors of the new truck and bus act, who predicted that it would raise from $750,000 a year in revenues to as much as twice that amount, were shooting very wide of the mark as is indicated by practical application of the law. The estimate of the state highway department, the most conservative of those advanced at the time the measure was before the legislature, placed possible revenues from the act at a gross of $720,000, or a net of $660,000 for the department. Present indications are that truck and bus revenues for this year will gross more nearly $500,000 with a net of $440,000 for the department. Many trucks are exempted by the act from the payment of any additional fees other than their regular registration fees. These include all trucks of less than 4000 pounds combined weight, all farmer-owned trucks used in conveying the produce of the truck owner and all trucks operating within the three-mile limit of cities and towns. Recent round-up of evaders by the state police has resulted in a rush

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Local Chief New Leader Peace Group

Freeman and Mrs. McDaniel Officials of Northwest Oregon Officers

O. O. Freeman, Hillsboro chief of police, was named president of the Northwest Oregon Peace Officers' association at the quarterly meeting here in the court house Saturday night. Mrs. Helen McDaniels, city recorder of Hillsboro, who served as temporary secretary, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Sheriff Thomas Hooker of Dallas is vice-president and members of the executive committee are Sheriff Burke of Salem and George Alexander of Salem, assistant superintendent of state police and former Washington county sheriff. Chief Freeman succeeds District Attorney Earl Nott of Yamhill county. Next meeting will be held in Salem.

Discuss Liquor Control

Oregon's liquor control measure, the Knox bill, and its problems were discussed by Liquor Administrator George L. Sammis of Portland and George Neuner, legal counsel for the commission and former United States district attorney.

"If there is one business that the state or nation should control it is the liquor business," declared Neuner. "Private profit must be eliminated."

Co-operation of all in the enforcing of the expressed will of the majority was urged by the commission's legal counsel, who decried the sniping that is going on against the program, the purpose of which is control. Opponents, he said, offer nothing in its place.

Rules Cited

Commission's rulings have the effect of law, he said, and it is the duty of all officers to enforce the provisions of the act and the rules as set down. Neuner pointed out that the buyer of bootleg liquor is guilty of a crime and punishment should have the public's approbation, because such a violator is robbing the state. No one but the liquor commission has the authority to sell liquors of more than 14 per cent alcohol.

Attorney Neuner predicted that the price would come down, citing the survey ordered by President Roosevelt. He felt the various state commissions might possibly have to get into blending operations in an effort to cut prices.

Tremendous task of the commission in organizing the state's liquor control was cited by Administrator Sammis. Conservative estimate of the volume was given as $2,500,000. Supplies are secured from the largest and most reliable concerns to insure quality, declared Sammis. If

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Knox Bill Explained

George Neuner Shows Need for Help of People

Gains Shown By Condenser

Conditions in the evaporated milk business are breaking better, according to C. T. Richardson, manager of the Hillsboro plant of the Carnation company. All the available milk surplus on the Portland market is taken now daily.

Ten additional men were employed March 1 and another nine added Monday, giving a full crew now of 50. This does not include drivers of 26 trucks hauling to the condenser.

Milk prices to the farmer as paid by Carnation were 85c a hundred for the last half of January, $1 for the first half of February and $1.10 for the last of February. Prices for the first of March have not been announced.

Hilhi Hoopsters Stop Champions In Closing Game

Unleashing a driving offensive that would not be denied, Hilhi hoopsters upset Forest Grove's perfect record Friday night on the home court with a 29 to 25 victory over the county basketball champions. It was the first defeat suffered by the titleholders this season and gave the locals a .500 record in both the county race and the series between Hillsboro and Forest Grove.

Hilhi took the lead early in the game and were not headed all evening. Cox, Hilhi forward, opened the scoring by caging a foul shot and then Snider, Grove forward, tied the score by sinking a free shot. Grogan and Cox then looped in two field goals to place Hilhi in the lead. Hillsboro led 7 to 5 at the close of the first quarter and increased the advantage to 19 to 10 during the second period. From that point on the Blue and White squad protected its lead, holding off a last minute drive of the champions by stalling tactics.

Cox was high point man of the tilt with 12 counters while Snider led the Forest Grove squad with 11 points. Numerous fouls were called during the rough game, Forest Grove converting 11 out of 13 attempts and Hilhi getting five points out of eight free throws. Bailey,

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Political Pot Boils Slowly

Robert E. Burns Announces Candidacy for Coroner

Although the county political pot has been boiling slowly during the past few weeks, a number of candidates are expected to throw their hats into the ring before the official deadline for filing notices of candidacy April 3. To date four candidates, two republicans and two democrats, have entered the primary election race by filing with the county clerk.

Robert E. Burns of Forest Grove, democratic candidate for county coroner, and J. M. Vanderzanden of Roy, democratic candidate for county commissioner, are the last two to enter the primary campaign. Vanderzanden announced his intention to run several weeks ago but waited to file with the county clerk until last Wednesday. Burns, who was a candidate for county sheriff on the democrat ticket in 1932, filed Thursday.

Republicans who have come into the open for the primary campaign are H. D. Kerkman of Scheffiin, present county commissioner and a candidate to succeed himself, and M. J. Haynes of Sherwood, candidate for constable of the Sherwood justice of the peace district. Both men filed with the county clerk several weeks ago.

George R. Bagley of Hillsboro, circuit judge of the 19th judicial district, filed his declaration of candidacy for justice of the state supreme court, position four, with the state department last Saturday. Judge Bagley seeks the position now held by Chief Justice Rand. R. F. Peters, prominent Hillsboro attorney, and L. M. Graham, Forest Grove attorney, have both announced their candidacies for the circuit judgeship.

County voters have a little more than a month in which to register for the primary election, according to Edward C. Luce, county clerk. The final day has been set for April 17.

County Grange Council To Elect New Officers

Washington County Grange Council will elect officers at its meeting next Wednesday at the Beaverton Grange hall. Oscar Hagg of Reedville, president, will preside, and the meeting is called for 2 p. m.

Charges Dismissed

Charges of reckless driving preferred in Portland against Wayne Nickeson of Hillsboro were dismissed last week.

City Council Limits Area Liquor Sales

Resolution Favors Ban in Residential Districts and at City Park

Protest Water Rate

Complaint to Public Utility Commissioners Planned

Resolution seeking to confine the sale of alcoholic beverages in Hillsboro to the business district was adopted Tuesday night by the city council. Action was also taken toward preparing a protest and complaint to the state public utilities commission to obtain reductions in the rates and valuation of the local Oregon-Washington Water Service company.

Desiring to curb any possible spread of "beer parlors" out of the business area, councilmen adopted a resolution opposing the endorsing of applications to sell liquor of more than one and one-half per cent of alcohol outside of that district. Residential districts, areas near schools or churches, and the city park were particularly set up as closed to the sale of alcoholic beverages. Under the Knox law the city council is required to endorse any licenses for the sale of liquor granted within the city limits.

Reductions Sought

Contending that rates charged by the water company were out of proportion to the service and supply furnished, and that the book valuation on the plant exceeded the actual value, councilmen instructed the water and light committee to prepare a protest and complaint to the public utilities commission. Inadequacy of pressure for fire protection, improper chlorination of the water, and failure to provide a pumping plant and pressure as required in the water company franchise were charged in the discussions.

Applications presented by Emil Miller of North Plains and O. Wideman of Sheridan to haul logs to the local mill over city streets brought a storm of protest from several councilmen. That the big, heavy log trucks would break up the streets and that the city would obtain no revenue from the haulers to compensate for the hard usage of the streets was pointed out. The matter was finally turned over to the city manager and street committee with power to act. Recommendation that the trucks be routed over uncongested streets was also made.

Councilmen Thomas Connell and J. L. Anderson were appointed to act with City Attorney P. L. Patterson in settling the E. L. Johnson assessment controversy. The application of Z. J. Riggs to retail beer was endorsed by the council.

CWA Starts New Projects

Despite recurring slashes in the county CWA work quota, work was started on two new school projects this week and four more will be opened up next Monday in an attempt to complete all projects approved before the program is stopped. Orders received this week will result in the dropping of 50 more men from the payrolls Monday, leaving the county quota 325 men.

Workers were transferred last Monday to the Shute and Tualatin school projects and work will be started next Monday on the Cherry Grove, Helvetia, Orenco and Blooming schools. The Scotch church road and the Aloha city projects were stopped last week to permit transfers for the new work.

Crews at the county airport near here were split to prevent any delay in the completion of the work. Federal men are working eight hours on Wednesday and seven on Thursday, while county men work five hours on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Shortage of funds to buy sufficient equipment for a full crew led to the split in hours.

The new wage scale for CWA workers went into effect here Monday. Under the new schedule common laborers receive 40 cents an hour instead of 50 cents, timekeepers and foremen continue to receive 90 cents and hour, skilled laborers were cut to 90 cents an hour from $1.20 and their helpers from 75 cents to 60 cents.

CWA Man Buried By Ditch Cave-in

Buried under nearly a ton and a half of dirt Tuesday when a ditch caved in at the Meridian road CWA project near Sherwood, C. E. Blakney of Tigard suffered a broken right leg and severe bruises. First aid was administered by Dr. F. T. Rucker and the injured man was later taken to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland

Blakney, who is a Tigard scoutmaster, got into the ditch to get out of the rain and was buried when the wall of the ditch caved in. Fellow workers dug frantically to free the man, rescuing him before he was smothered.

State Master Ray Gill To Speak Local Grange

Hillsboro Grange will meet Saturday at 10:30 a. m. Lecture hour at 1:15 p. m. is open to the general public. State Master Ray Gill will discuss the sales tax.

Farm Union to Meet

County Farmers' union will meet at the court house Saturday at 10 a. m. for an all-day session.

Tualatin Survey On Flood Control Started Friday

Preliminary survey to determine the cost of necessary drainage and flood control in the Tualatin valley was started Friday as a CWA project. An allotment of $6120 has been allowed for preliminary work on the project sought by the Tualatin Valley Drainage and Flood Control association.

Field work was started with three engineers under the direction of Kenneth Tillotson of Forest Grove and more will be added in the near future. An aerial photograph survey of the area is also contemplated. John W. Cunningham of Barr & Cunningham, Portland, has been named consulting engineer and will draw up the final report.

Progress on the program was discussed Monday night by approximately 60 persons interested in the project, meeting at Tualatin under the leadership of the Tualatin Valley Drainage and Flood Control association. Correspondence from Senator Charles L. McNary and Representative Charles H. Martin was read in which the legislators offered assistance in realizing the plan of the valley organization. Martin pointed out that CWA and PWA flood control projects were for emergency purposes, but declared that the government was contemplating a flood control bill for the nation which would cover work of a permanent nature.

That flood control would save taxes in eliminating the necessity of repairing county roads and bridges damaged by high water was pointed out during the meeting. A letter from Donald T. Templeton, county judge, reporting on the Albany meeting for flood control in the Willamette valley, was read.

Another meeting of the group has been called for next Monday evening at Gaston. A director to represent the association on the newly formed Willamette Valley Flood Control association will be named at that time.

D. A. R. Group Planned Here

State Officers to Conduct Organization on Friday

Mrs. Charles E. Wells, district organizer for the Daughters of American Revolution, will be hostess at a meeting at her home Friday afternoon to perfect the organization of a D. A. R. chapter in Hillsboro. Two o'clock is the hour set for the meeting. The organization will be called David Hill chapter in honor of the founder of Hillsboro.

Mrs. John Y. Richardson, state regent, will preside, and will be assisted by Mrs. W. H. Saxton, state organizer. Both ladies are from Portland. Mrs. Montgomery of Portland and known as Oregon's mother of D. A. R., will be present, and with Mrs. Richardson will preside at the tea, following the program.

Musical numbers on the program will be solos by Mrs. Harold Simpson, Mrs. J. B. Nosler, and Mrs. G. V. Payne, all of Portland, and Mrs. V. W. Gardner of this city.

Mrs. Isaac Lee Patterson, past vice-president general, and widow of the late Governor Patterson, will be an honor guest, and regents will attend from chapters in Portland, Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, McMinnville, Salem, Woodburn, Oregon City, and Champoeg chapter of Newberg, the sponsoring group.

Liberty Loan Bond Redemption Ordered

Partial redemption of Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼ per cent bonds of 1933-38 has been announced for April 15, according to word received here. Banks will forward bonds eligible for redemption to the Federal Reserve bank at San Francisco for holders before the due date.

Bonds to be redeemed are as follows: All outstanding permanent coupon bonds bearing serial number the final digit of which is 9, 0 or 1, such numbers being prefixed by a corresponding distinguishing letter J, K or A; all outstanding temporary coupon bonds bearing serial numbers final digit of which is 9, 0 or 1; and all outstanding registered bonds bearing serial numbers final digit of which is 9, 0 or 1. Interest will cease on the due date.

Non-High Board Seeks Tuition Slash

Annual tuition payment of not to exceed $75 per pupil from the non-high school district was offered to county high schools by members of the non-high school district board Friday night. The proposal, which would be effective for the 1934-1935 school year, is sought as an economy move due to the existing tax situation.

A reduction in present tuition costs, which averaged $81 this year, is necessary in the light of difficulties confronting taxpayers to meet tax obligations, it was pointed out. Unless a slash can be made, elimination of transportation facilities may be necessary, according to A. M. Jannsen, chairman of the board.

Members of the non-high school district board and county high school boards met Friday at the county school superintendent's office to discuss the problem.

Court Makes Settlement of Voges Damage Claim

Payment of $500 in full settlement of all damage claims of Otto Voges of near Mountaindale against Washington county was ordered Thursday by the county court. Mrs. Voges was injured December 17 when Voges drove off the end of a road near the Scotch church when CWA workers had removed the bridge. A barrier put up by county employes had been taken down, according to county officials.

Name Police Chief

W. W. Peets, who has been chief of police of Beaverton, will be succeeded by W. P. Jones, former night officer, who will fill both jobs.

Jury Drawn March Term Court Here

Sherwood Man Asks Re-trial on Bad Bank Draft Count with New Evidence

Negroes Face Jurors

Morris Albert Given 30 days to Make Full Restitution

Jury panel consisting of 31 members, seven of which are women, was drawn Monday for the March term of court. Jurors will report for duty on March 19, opening day of the term.

Jurors drawn were William F. Ziegler, Grace I. Busch and Edgar A. Jones, Hillsboro; Victor Feuerstein, Hillsboro route 1; Wallace H. Hoeffel, Hillsboro route 2; Edward B. Sappington, Ottice Shearer, Clyde O. Rogers and Lucy L. Harvey, Forest Grove; Ed King and Roy J. Hiatt, Forest Grove route 1; Edward A. J. Vanderzanden, Archie F. Campbell and John H. Kindel, Forest Grove route 2; Howard Lindley, Garden Home; Ernest A. Fosner, Ferdinand Langer Jr. and Eleanor Atrops, Sherwood; Edward T. Murphy, Sherwood route 4; William A. Goodin and W. C. Buchanan, Cornelius; Verna Dober, Corelius route 2; Louise J. Carter, Portland route 5; Roscoe V. Hopper, Warren L. Jones and May Bell Erickson, Beaverton; Christena Brandtner and Jacob Kemmer, Beaverton route 3; John W. Gibson, Gaston route 2; John Friday, Banks route 2; and George M. Bledsoe, Buxton.

New Trial Sought

Motion for a new trial based upon newly discovered evidence was submitted Friday to Circuit Judge Bagley by Shelton Bechtel of Sherwood. Bechtel was convicted on an indictment charging obtaining money under false pretenses January 30. The motion was taken under advisement.

John Johnson, Alonzo Marshall and Harry S. Payton, Portland negroes charged with burglarizing an unoccupied dwelling at Tigard, were arraigned in the county court Thursday. They were bound over to the grand jury under $2000 bonds.

Withdrawing a not guilty plea to enter a plea of guilty to three indictments of improper operation of a slaughter house, Fred W. Oberg of Patton Valley received a postponed sentence Friday. Indictments were returned by the grand jury August 10, 1933.

Morris Albert, Portland secondhand dealer who was convicted two weeks ago on an indictment of larceny of logging equipment, was

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Fire Destroys Home Saturday

The old saying that one fire leads to two more held true with a vengeance in Hillsboro last weekend. Three fire alarms were turned in in less than 24 hours and a fourth came in 10 hours later for good measure.

The most disastrous of the fires occurred at 12:10 a. m. Saturday when flames destroyed the residence of Mrs. Fred Wooldridge in the Garden Tract. The blaze, which started from an overheated flue, was well under way when the alarm was turned in and the one-story frame house was burned to the ground. Only an electric washing machine and a radio were saved. Loss was partially covered by $1200 of insurance, $700 on the house and $500 on furnishings.

Damage totaling approximately $37 resulted from the first fires of the series which occurred at the residence of Mrs. Hulda Emerick, Ninth and Baseline streets, at 12:45 p. m. Friday. An overheated flue is believed to have ignited the wall paper in an upstairs room.

Firemen were again called out at 10 o'clock Saturday morning to extinguish a chimney fire at the home of Roy Wilson near the Ray-Maling cannery. Another alarm was called in at 8 p. m. Sunday for a chimney fire at the home of Otto Hartrampf. No damage was caused by either of these fires.

A third chimney fire Wednesday morning at the home of F. W. Heintz, 1356 First Ave., brought the total of fire alarms for the week to five.

Post Office Plans For New Star Route

Formation of a new star mail route from Hillsboro to Scofield, serving Roy, Banks, Manning and Buxton, was revealed this week in a notice calling for bids at the local post office. The proposed route, which would start July 1, would take the place of the present route from Hillsboro to Scofield and return to Forest Grove.

The new carrier would leave Hillsboro at 9:30 a. m. and arrive at Scofield two hours later, serving four intervening towns. Upon returning to Hillsboro, the carrier would leave again at 4 a. m. to carry mail to Banks and return. Sunday service would be to Banks by way of Roy and return, leaving Hillsboro at 9:30 a. m.

Sealed bids for the route are to be submitted to Washington, D. C., on or before April 3. Details on the call for bids may be obtained from Fred C. Holznagel, local postmaster.

F. O. Eagon Opens Office At Tenth and Baseline

F. O. Eagon, who has been in the real estate and insurance business here for many years, has opened the Oregon Farms company office at 953 Tenth street, at Baseline, according to announcement made this week. He was formerly located in the Washington hotel building.

D.A.R. Organizer

Mrs. Charles E. Wells, district organizer of the Daughters of American Revolution, at whose home the David Hill chapter will be organized Friday.

Sales Tax Bill Debates Held

McAlear Favors Measure at Two Meetings in County

E. J. McAlear of Hillsboro, county representative, supported the proposed sales tax twice this week, debating the question against Ray Gill, state grange master, at the Gale Grange, Forest Grove, Saturday and against Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill, joint senator from this district, Monday at the Kansas City Farmers' union.

That the bill would make everyone a taxpayer rather than concentrate the tax burden on property alone was McAlear's contention in the two debates. He also pointed out that the sales tax would not cause people to lose their homes.

Unless the bill is passed, schools will go hungry and the property taxpayers will have to carry added burden, he said. If no relief is given, confiscation of property or repudiation of debts will result.

That the opposition to the sales tax contributes nothing toward a solution of the problem and that the opponents content themselves with criticisms only, was McAlear's contention. At Kansas City McAlear declared that the non-real property taxpayers of the state, in their opposition to the sales tax, are influencing the real property taxpayers, causing many additions to their ranks from the real property taxpayers in opposing the tax. Examples of such influence was cited from election statistics showing how people, who would have been exempt, voted against the income tax and against the oleo tax when it would have protected the dairyman.

That the sales tax movement is a national and not a state program was Gill's contention. He declared that big interests included under the exemption list were contributing to the fight. The temporary provision was attacked on the ground that it was a camouflage to saddle the people with an unjust tax, according to Gill. He also assailed the minimum taxable purchase, stating that it made the tax many times the one and a half per cent included in the bill.

Zimmerman contended that there would be little property tax reduction under the sales levy except in the case of large property owners and that the offset would be little or nothing. He asserted that dairy and poultry feeds would not be exempt under the law. A statement by the state tax commission that these products would be exempt was refuted by Zimmerman, who declared that the courts and not the commission would have the decision on exemptions.

Federal Reserve Bank Seeks Loan Information

Requests for information regarding the amount of credit, if any, needed in Hillsboro trading area to provide working capital for established industrial of commercial businesses to apply on the liquidation existing debt were received this week from the Federal Reserve bank at San Francisco. Request was also made for information as to what extent the extension of such credit would continue the present enrollment as well as the number by which the payrolls would be increased.

Maling Sees Sign Posts of Recovery

Buying Revival to be Factor in Return of Country to Normal Conditions

Expansion Predicted

Social Evening Planned for Local Group for Monday

Marked improvement of conditions throughout the country point to a continuation of progress toward recovery, declared B. E. Maling, president of Ray-Maling, Inc., and B. E. Maling, Inc., in speaking at the chamber of commerce Monday on his reactions to business conditions as seen on his recent eastern trip.

"It looks as though we are going to be blessed with prosperity," he continued.

The CWA program and the federal guarantee of bank deposits have brought out hoarded money, warehouse stocks are exhausted and new machinery is needed by industries. This condition has resulted in a revival of buying, according to Maling. These same factors form the basis for predictions by business prognosticators that business will be back to normal by September.

Expansion Planned

That industry would absorb labor released by the curtailing of CWA payrolls was Maling's prediction. Big industrial concerns all over the country are laying plans for expansion programs this spring, he pointed out.

Evidences of the optomistic outlook of western merchants for the coming year were cited by Arthur Reiling, vice-president of Ray-Maling, Inc. He declared that with but one exception, every wholesale grocer that he contacted during his recent survey of the western markets conformed with this view. Retail grocers are feeling the effect of the CWA program and are increasing their orders with wholesalers, he said.

Steps leading up to the formation of B. E. Maling, Inc., to take over the physical assets of the local Ray-Maling cannery and developments to be expected in the future were outlined by Maling. Negotiations grew out of a contract between the cannery and Frosted Foods, Inc., three years ago, he said. An option was included allowing either party to cancel the contract. Economic changes caused Frosted Foods to exercise the option to buy.

The new corporation, a nominee of Frosted Foods, will take over the local cannery under the recent arrangement and guarantees to operate the plant. Ray-Maling will market the pack through a sales contract with B. E. Maling, Inc. The change will have no local effect except that finances will be adequate, he declared. He predicted that the pack would be larger this year than in the past and that it should continue to grow.

The NRA program has increased local costs and if the AAA further advances costs, he declared that the pack might have to be curtailed.

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College Head Advises Youth

The tendency of American youth to question beliefs, theories and customs of today is justifiable provided judgment can be suspended until the matter can be carefully considered, declared Dr. Elam J. Anderson, president of Linfield college, in addressing county teachers at Tigard Saturday. The meeting, atended by approximately 150 teachers, was the final institute of the present school year.

American youth tends to question almost anything advanced, contended Dr. Anderson in his talk, "Oh Yeah and Amen." He urged young people to give each question suspended judgment until the matter could be carefully considered. Debated questions should not be cast aside without thought nor should they continue to be doubted, he said.

Dr. O. H. Holmes of Forest Grove challenged teachers to develop ap-

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Farmers Express Enthusiasm Over Canary Grass Pastures

(By Wm. F. Cyrus, County Agent)

Pasture for two to four cows per acre throughout the summer months, stands getting thicker every year and considerable pasture the first year is what some dairyman of the county report in regard to canary grass. Seeded on land too wet for practically any other variety, canary grass thrives and is ready to pasture as soon as stock can be put on the land after the water is down. This is a wet land grass and the strain commonly grown will apparently not amount to much when seeded on higher land. There is probably much overflow land in Washington county that will successfully grow canary grass and return more than it is now doing when cropped to small grains.

Joe Kemper, living near Kansas City, is a canary grass enthusiast. On the place he now owns there is about three acres seeded to this crop and on another place which he owned until a little over a year ago he had a two and one-half acre patch in a swamp on part of the farm. Both of these pieces were seeded in the spring, in the mud, as the water that had stood over the land all winter receded. Approximately six pounds of seed per acre was used. Kemper states that in both cases the grass got waist high the first summer, but he did not pasture it, letting it go to seed instead and allowing this seed to shatter out.

"These swamps were boggy and muddy before the canary grass was seeded, but since the sod has become thicker each year the stock is now out of the mud. Thirteen head of stock were pastured all summer on this three acres and could not keep the grass down," stated Mr. Kemper recently.

Most of the seeding of this grass is done here in the spring just as it was sown by Kemper. Apparently there is not any particular disadvantage in seeding it in the fall even though it may not have time to sprout before high water gets over it. Ed Freudenthal, Hillsboro, seeded some in a low part of the Tualatin bottom in the fall of 1932. Water flowed over this before any of it had sprouted and it was all under water until sometime in early April. As the water began to recede in the spring this seed sown in the fall began to come up through the last of the water. Some other farmers have reported the same experience. This fall seeded stuff outgrew the spring seeded on the Freudenthal place throughout the summer.

W. T. Putnam and Sons, at Farmington, have 16 acres of canary grass that was seeded part in 1930 and the last in 1932. According to Ferd Putnam, their field was seeded at six pounds per acre on March 15 and the grass was waist high on July 1, when they began to pasture it. In 1933 this 16 acres carried 30 head of dairy cattle during the months of May, June, July, August and September.

"Approximately half of the total feed for the dairy herd came off that 16 acres of canary grass during those months," stated Putnam recently. He also added that the stand apparently just gets thicker each year. This winter the water flooded over this field about December 15. High water drained off it during the first week of February and the grass was six inches high when the water went down.

On the drier edges of these bottoms the grass does not do so well

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Corn-Hog Program Places Ban On Increasing Crop Acreages

(By Joseph Belanger, Ass't County Agent)

Considerable misunderstanding appears to exist among those who are joining in the corn-hog reduction program of the AAA as to just what are the requirements of the contract as to other crops to be planted.

The plain intent of the government in paragraph three of the contract is to prevent evasion of the spirit of the agricultural adjustment act by signers who might agree to reduce their corn or hog production, or both, and immediately increase their total crop acreage or increase some other crop already designated as a surplus basic commodity in the adjustment act.

The limitations on crop acreage specified in this paragraph apply, furthermore, to those who sign up for hog reduction alone as well as those who qualify for both corn and hog reduction.

Official interpretation of paragraph three received at the county agent's office explains that when a hog grower signs the reduction contract providing for benefit payments to him, he also agrees not to increase his total acreage planted for harvest. That is, he agrees not to plant more acres between December 1, 1933, and November 30, 1934, than will equal, with his contracted acreage, the largest amount he planted in either 1932 or 1933 between the same dates. All crops except pasture are included, though fruits, strawberries and other crops requiring more than a year from planting to harvest are counted in the year in which harvested.

For example, if a farmer's highest planted acreage in 1932 or 1933 was 250 acres and he now has 30 acres contracted to the government either under the wheat, corn or other adustment plan, he will, under the corn-hog contract, not be allowed to seed more than 220 acres for harvest in 1934, excepting for pasture.

As to acreage of specific crops, this section of the contract prohibits increasing the acreage for sale of any of those designated as a basic commodity in the act, or for any feed crop other than hay. This means that a hog contract signer in Oregon would not be allowed to increase his wheat acreage planted since December 1, even though he had not signed a wheat contract. Feed crops not to be increased include oats, barley, rye, grain sorg-

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