

State Capitol News Letter

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Martin's Legislative
Program Meeting
Opposition

SALEM—The administration's legislative program has bogged down, temporarily at least, under an avalanche of adverse criticism. Administration leaders in the house, where the bill is now pending, however, were loath to let objections raised to the several measures could be satisfactorily ironed out and that the entire program, somewhat modified, would be well on its way to completion by the end of the second week of the session.

Senator Strayer, democrat, and veteran member of the committee declared that the measure would set up a super-commission with extra-legislative powers which could, if it were so minded, seriously interfere with the duties of department and institution heads. Senator Zimmerman, Representative Snyder and other members of the committee also took turns at picking the measure to pieces. There was, apparently no objection to the creation of an advisory commission to work out a program of public works and conservation of the state's natural resources, such, it is particularly interested in.

Opposition to the budgetary control bills, two in number, developed at Friday's session of the house committee on administration and reorganization which is sponsoring these measures. One of the bills would require the purchase of self-supporting boards and commissions to place their revenues in the state general fund and to look to the legislature for appropriations for their support. Sportsmen of the state who support the game commission, through purchase of hunting and fishing licenses object to any interference with the game fund as is contemplated by this measure. Dentists, barbers, architects, cosmeticians and the members of the other professions whose examining boards would be affected by this measure want the legislature to keep hands off their boards. And so it goes.

The other measure in this group would authorize the governor or his budget director to revise budgets of the various state departments and institutions, shift money from one fund to another, and approve of estimated expenditures and otherwise exercise control over the expenditures of all state activities except those headed by elective officials. Representative Homer Angell of Multnomah county, who led the fight against the measure, declared that it would permit the governor to upset the work of the ways and means committee and the legislature and vested entirely too much authority in one official.

Consensus of opinion around the capitol is that Speaker John Cooter stepped into a fast one right off the bat of the Multnomah county "kingmakers" when he passed out his original list of committee assignments. While the voice was the voice of Cooter the hand looked very much like the hand of the Granham-Latourette-et-al of the Multnomah delegation. Cooter's prompt recognition of his boner and his just as prompt re-assignment of some of the more important committee chairmanships did much to restore harmony in the senate and to prove that there were no hard feelings the members gave their speaker a vote of confidence.

Estes Snedecor, Portland attorney, who was one of the 933 standing house members in the 1933 session, but who was defeated for the democratic nomination last May, is serving as legal advisor to Governor Martin in drafting the administration measures and passing on such measures as come into the hands of the governor after making the circuit of the house and senate.

The demand of Harry Hopkins, federal relief administrator, that Oregon put up \$4,000,000 a year toward the relief of its own unemployed has the governor and the lawmakers worried. So far no one has come forward with any practical suggestion as to where this much cash is to be had. The only suggestions so far advanced involve certificates of indebtedness, bond issues or some new tax and when it comes to this latter proposal ideas seem to be confined to more taxes from incomes by reducing the exemptions or to some sort of a sales tax, neither of which is very popular in Oregon.

Hagg Dairy Leads Herd Tests Again

Reedville Dairymen Make Enviably Record for 1934 Production

Tops Three Classes

Average Production Mark High in Association

David Hagg & Sons, Reedville dairymen, have dominated monthly reports of the Yamhill-Washington Herd Improvement association during the past year with almost the regularity of clock-work. In the December tests, the Reedville herd was high in the production class for more than 40 cows, had one of the two highest producing animals in the association and had the high producing cow in the two-year-old class.

Hagg's herd of 52 grade Jerseys averaged 634 pounds of milk and 37.77 pounds of butterfat during December, according to the report released this week by J. P. Lohrenz, tester. "Sally 11," a grade Jersey owned by the same dairy, ranked as second high producing cow in the tests, turning in a record of 1283 pounds of milk and 80.8 pounds of butterfat during the month. In the two-year-old class, Hagg's "Imleh 16" topped the field with a production of 1032 pounds of milk and 69.1 pounds of butterfat.

Records Given

B. P. Stupple's herd at St. Paul was high in the class for herds of between 20 and 40 animals with an average record of 680 pounds of milk and 39.25 pounds of butterfat for the month. In the small herd class, D. R. Dickie's herd at Newberg won honors with nine purebred and grade Jerseys averaging 703 pounds of milk and 40.96 pounds of butterfat.

High producing cow in the association for December was "Alice," a purebred Jersey owned by James Cruckshank & Sons at Minnville. This animal produced 1503 pounds of milk and 84.1 pounds of butterfat during the month.

Leaders in the age classes were as follows: Four-year-old, "Sirrup," grade Jersey, owned by Robert Wyss of Carlton; 1193 pounds milk, 59.6 (Continued on page 8, column 2)

Ex-Councilmen to be Honored

Dinner reception honoring former Mayor O. Phelps and Ex-Councilmen C. E. Wells, Thomas Connell and Jack Ward, will be held at 6:30 p. m. at the local chamber of commerce. Surprise features and cards are planned on the program.

R. R. Easter, P. L. Patterson and G. B. Broniewe have general charge of the event. Other committees include: Mrs. A. W. Hoffman and Mrs. R. J. Nicol, bridge; Mrs. C. T. Richardson and Mrs. Lyman Howe, pinocle; Mrs. T. G. Broniewe and Miss Marion Lytle, surprise; and Mrs. Eva Downs, Mrs. Ethel Barnes and Mrs. E. C. McKinney, social relations.

Towsend Pension Proposal Scored by Noted Economist

(Authentic statement by Roger W. Babson)
Publishers' Financial Bureau
Babson Park, Florida, January 18, 1935—Some readers may regard the Townsend Old Age Plan as the first month's operations of the pension would be raised through the usual methods of government financing. Townsendsers see a tremendous saving in certain directions. For example, through the elimination of present pension systems of porpoises, and through a sharp drop in crime costs. But in addition to these savings, Townsend Crusaders see costless operation when the scheme is once under way.

Purchasing Prosperity
These people claim that their pension plan will end the depression abruptly and permanently. They simply create more purchasing power and prosperity will return post-haste. With oldsters obligated to spend \$19,200,000,000 a year, there will be created such a gigantic demand for all kinds of goods that idle manufacturing plants will immediately be forced to operate at capacity. The sting of the financing tax will be eased by our swift journey to prosperity. Some economic exponents even claim there will never be another depression—"humanity will forever be relieved from the fear of destitution and want," and hence "the general sun of human happiness will dissipate the dark clouds of distrust and gloom, and despair."

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Additional features have been added recently in order to give the large family of subscribers a quality newspaper with the maximum of service. First hand information on the activities of Washington county legislators and on measures of particular interest in this area will be featured during the present state assembly.

And finally, the press time has been set ahead from Thursday afternoon to Wednesday night with the result that the county subscribers receive their papers on Thursday morning.

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Grange Seeks Change in Law

Resolution declaring certain clauses of the Truck and Bus bill to be detrimental to the agricultural industry and asking that the Grange legislative committee seek repeal of restriction on farm vehicles was adopted Wednesday afternoon by the Washington County Pomona Grange at Tualatin. Other resolutions presented sought reduction of the governor's proposed budget by eliminating duplicate offices and curtailment of the number of representatives in the state legislature.

Clause in the Truck and Bus bill that attracted particular attention in the resolution adopted was the per mile tax. Readjustment of rates on farm produce was also sought. Resolution on the budget was laid on the table.

Recreation Group Plans Meets Here

Recreation school community organization leaders of Washington county will meet here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. These meetings will be held at 8 p. m. in the Hillsboro Grange hall under the leadership of Miss Gertrude Skow, representing the National Recreation association.

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Backing Law Forces Seen as Big Need

District Attorney Declares Syndicalism Act Must be Maintained

Red Activity Cited

Portland Leader to Speak Before Rotarians

Good American citizenship must take a stand for law and order and support law enforcement officials, declared District Attorney G. Russell Morgan in special address to the Hillsboro Rotary club last Thursday. He urged all to make a study of existing conditions and renew their backing of constituted government.

District attorneys of Oregon unanimously went on record as favoring the strengthening of the criminal syndicalism law and in asking all civic and patriotic organizations to give their support to the forces opposing repeal of this law. District Attorney Morgan said the goal of communism for 1935 was to secure repeal of this law if nothing else. All law enforcing officers that he had ever contacted were for the law, he said.

Protects Law-Abiding

Referring to Governor Martin's attitude on the syndicalism act, Morgan stated that in answer to a direct question from him at the district attorneys' meeting the governor had said that he opposed its repeal and would veto it if it passed the legislature. The United States supreme court, declared the prosecutor, as a matter of self-protection, is in the habit of protecting the right of a state to frame criminal syndicalism laws for a protection of the law-abiding citizen against those who would overthrow this government by force.

Communists have the most insidious way of achieving certain objectives that one can conceive, declared the district attorney, who read quotations from trial testimony in criminal syndicalism cases and from their program of tactics calling for strikes, general strikes and demonstrations. He declared that overthrow of the United States government by force is an objective. They suggest infiltration of their workers to spread the germ of revolution in the army and navy, advocates.

Credit Policy Plan Outlined

That a community credit policy should protect both merchants and consumers was the declaration of C. S. Bramer of Portland, credit manager of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Monday noon. Bramer outlined the co-operative efforts of Portland merchants on credit problems and urged that all communities should take similar action.

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Order of Moose to Hold Benefit Dance for Needy

Benefit dance to assist in providing relief for needy transient families in Washington county has been scheduled for Wednesday evening at Shute park auditorium by the local Moose lodge. The group has also established a commissary in the old "Den of Sweets" building on Second street as a clearing house for donations of fruit, vegetables and clothing.

Relief Head Hits Rumors of Starvation

Weil Declares Government Commodities Available to Transient Group

"There are no starving families in Hillsboro or Washington county that are known to the county relief committee." This was the statement made today by R. W. Weil, county relief committee chairman, in commenting on reports to the effect that some 50 transient families in the county were facing starvation due to reductions in transient relief appropriations.

Street Work Planned Here

Highway Group to Contract for Widening Baseline

Contract for widening and resurfacing Baseline street from Fifth to Tenth street will be awarded next Thursday by the state highway commission, according to word received by Hillsboro officials this week. Proposed improvement, which is a federal aid project, will be a continuation of the highway work completed last summer from the west city limits to Fifth street.

Non-High Body Passes Claims

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Mystery Serial to Begin Soon

"The Kennel Murder Case," acclaimed as the greatest and most baffling mystery story of the series written by S. S. Van Dine, will appear serially in the Hillsboro Argus beginning February 7.

Change Milk Control Bill Gives Alarm

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