

State Capitol News Letter

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Speakership of House Sought by Several Representatives

SALEM—While to all outward appearances the fight for the speakership seems to have resolved itself into a duel between William Graham and Howard Latourette, both of Multnomah county, there are those among political wisecracks who predict that neither of these contenders will wield the gavel during the special session which is soon to convene.

Both Graham and Latourette are avowed candidates for the speakership and both claim the advantage in the number of names already on the dotted line. Both, however, labor under the distinct disadvantage of geographical isolation which was used to such good advantage in entering support of house members on John Coater prior to the opening of the last regular session.

There is a time honored gentlemen's agreement in effect in Oregon political circles which decrees when the speakership of Multnomah county the other gavel wielder shall come from some outside county. With H. L. Corbett of Portland presiding over the senate the selection of either Graham or Latourette for the speakership will give Multnomah county a monopoly on these legislative honors which is contrary to all precedent.

In spite of rumors to the effect that Jack Caulfield of Tillamook county plans to throw his support to Latourette, the Tillamook legislator is still regarded as decidedly in the running with the decided advantage over either of the Multnomah county candidates if he declines to press his claim to the speakership.

Moore Hamilton of Medford and O. Henry Olen of Columbia county have also let it be known that they are still in the speakership race and refuse to concede any advantage to the Multnomah county candidates.

Governor Martin has let it be known through an administration spokesman, that he will take no part in the organization fight, but will content himself with calling the session and presenting his recommendations regarding the new state house and its location, leaving the fate of his program to the tender mercies of the lawmakers without resort to any attempt to influence them in their stand.

Most traffic accidents occur between the hours of 5 and 6 p. m., with thousands of men and women released from their daily grind in a hurry to reach home according to a statistic compiled by the state department.

City Bonds Find Good Local Sale

Washington Savings Group Pays Big Premium on General Issue

Portland Firm High

First National Bank Takes Improvement Refunds

Washington Savings & Loan association of Hillsboro was awarded the purchase of the Hillsboro city general fund refunding bond issue on their bid of par \$102.55 and premium of \$879.75. The next highest bidder was the Tripp & Butchart of Portland with a bid of par \$101.36 and premium of \$469.20. The bond issue is for \$34,500.

The special meeting of the city council for the awarding of this section of the refunding bond issue, was held Tuesday night. Among other matters taken up by the council was a suggestion that a re-arrangement of office hours be made to assure better service to the city. This was left in the hands of George McGee, city manager.

Award Made
First National bank of Portland was awarded the improvement refunding issue amounting to \$29,500.90 on their bid of par \$101.59 plus \$470 premium. The bonds draw 3 1/2 per cent.

Spread between the high and low bids was not great except as submitted on the general refunding issue in which the Washington Savings & Loan association was several hundred dollars above the next highest in premium offered.

Opening of bids for purchase of bonds was Friday night when the council met. Besides the acceptance of the bid made by the First National bank of Portland, for the improvement bonds refund, the council postponed the consideration of the bids on the general refunding bond until Tuesday night.

Bidders included Washington Savings & Loan company of Hillsboro; Hess, Tripp & Butchart, First National bank, and E. M. Adams company, all of Portland, on the general refunding bonds, and the same group with the Forest Grove (Continued on page 8, column 4)

Scout Court of Honor Will Be Held Tonight

Court of honor for scouts in the Hillsboro district will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the court house. A district committee meeting will be conducted following the court.

County Total Valuation Drops, Assessment Summary Shows

Total valuation of Washington county property fell \$36,805, according to the summary of the 1935 assessments just completed by E. J. Carpenter, county assessor. Total value a year ago was \$21,628,000 as compared to \$21,591,285 for this year, less public utilities.

The difference lies mostly in decreased values of timber in the county, the assessment for this year being \$2,398,525 as compared to \$2,512,459 a year ago. Some other items have increased slightly in number and value over last year.

Tillable land is shown as 139,668 acres valued at \$9,045,905 with a unit value of \$64.76. Non-tillable land is valued at \$2,712,630 for the total of 281,852 acres with a unit value of \$9.62.

Farm improvements are valued at \$3,172,360; city lots at \$1,073,555 and improvements at \$1,685,910. There were valued at \$126,595 or \$37.26 each, an increase from the valuation of \$113,490 last year. Cattle increased from 19,950 valued at \$15 per head in 1934 to 20,088 at \$14.45 per head in 1935. Sheep numbered 605,900 worth \$8880 or \$17.46 each while goats totaled 987 head valued at \$1385 or \$1.40 each. The value of sheep decreased over last year.

Mott to Speak



Congressman Rally Speaker

James W. Mott, congressman from this district, will be the chief speaker Sunday afternoon in the local high school at the county rally being sponsored by the Hillsboro Townsend Old Age Pension club. The rally is scheduled to start at 2 o'clock with a community singing of Townsend songs to be followed by several musical numbers by Harry Pearson on the piano and violinist Robert Kelly.

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Postal Department Sets Program Date

Dedication of the new Hillsboro postoffice, tentative plans for which have been underway for some time, has been definitely set for October 5. Fred Holznel, postmaster announced Wednesday.

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First Crews Drawn for PWA Work

Twenty Men Given Jobs on Ditch Reconstruction Near Beaverton

Other Projects Ready

Gaston, Todd School Set for First of Month

Washington county men for the first time employed under the new works program and off of relief, are swinging shovels and axes today and will be drawing pay checks in two weeks, according to Floyd W. Allen, district engineer of WPA in Portland, and Kenneth E. Tillotson, resident engineer of Hillsboro.

The project, for which the men were drawn this week by the state employment office in the city hall, is the Beaverton ditch in the drainage district, which begins at the west line of the St. Mary's boys' home property at Huber and ends at the southeast corner of the Beaverton city limits. Twenty men and a foreman are employed.

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Washington county tax collections for the end of the third quarter period, were two per cent ahead of the same date a year ago, according to Miss Gladys Elsner, tax deputy. Fifty-five per cent of the tax roll had been collected.

Bicycles Used to Carry Loot; Youths Caught

Two mysterious robberies at Beaverton were unraveled by deputies from the office of Sheriff John Connel Saturday night with the arrest of three minors and the recovery of loot from the Erickson garage, entered in July, and Guy Carr garage, burglarized September 21.

In juvenile court Monday before Judge Donald T. Templeton, the boys pleaded guilty and sentence was indefinitely postponed pending good behavior.

Local Talent on Two Nights

"The Prince of Egypt" at Hilhi Tonight, Friday

"The Prince of Egypt", local talent will be heard at the veterans' hall tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Freeman Frazier of McMinnville, district commander, will install legion officers, and Mrs. M. Waters of Salem, district officer, will install auxiliary officers.

Committees in charge of installation are Mrs. Fred Engelddinger, Mrs. A. W. Hoffman and Mrs. W. Verne McKinney, auxiliary, and W. Verne McKinney, Fred Engelddinger and H. L. MacKenzie, legionaries.

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W. F. Cyrus to Continue Legion Head

Post, Auxiliary to Install Officers Jointly Here Thursday Night

Jamboree Planned

State Commander Expected at Forest Grove Meet

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Better Times Return Here Sales Reveal

Merchants Report Increased Business During Last Nine Months

Big Gains in Building

Real Estate, Construction Disclose Most Upturn

Has the proverbial corner, around which prosperity lies, been turned? Interviews with numerous Hillsboro businessmen in all lines would indicate that something of the sort has happened, at least in this community.

In sales lines, increases have been noted during the last eight or nine months with very definite advances being made during the last 90 days in sales, both for merchandise and real estate.

Program Prepared for Teachers' Meet

Prominent Speakers to Address Educators Here in October

Court Action Hits State Milk Board

Trail of an injunction suit brought by a group of producers against the state milk board, which delivered to the state milk control board from collecting equalization fees from them or the creamery for processing and marketing of surplus grade-B milk started Thursday in Portland before Circuit Judge Lusk.

Former Hillsboro Man Bradsen Bank Manager

T. B. Lumsden, former Hillsboro resident and first liquidator of the State Savings bank, has been named manager of the recently established LaGrande branch of the United States National bank. Lumsden recently served as assistant superintendent of banks.

Walnut Growers Fight on Code Handed to Wallace for Decision

Eventual decision on the walnut control code for Oregon and of interest to walnut growers of Washington county, lies with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in Washington following hearings on the code held in Portland last week. A similar hearing is being held in California.

Youth Council for Hillsboro Formed

Organization meeting of the Hillsboro Youth Co-ordinating Council of the National Youth Administration was held in the chamber of commerce rooms Monday night, B. W. Barnes is chairman and Mrs. Harry Morgan secretary.