

Highway Program IS WITHIN BUDGET

Saving on 1933 Costs Seen in Baldock Report; 1934 Outlook Promising

Practice of strict economy, application of federal funds to state work and elimination of all unnecessary activities, enabled the state highway department in 1933 to expend approximately \$711,474 less than the budget estimates of the legislature for administration and maintenance.

The expenditure of state funds for construction purposes exceeded budgeted estimates by \$23,103, with a saving in estimated expenditure for all purposes of \$688,371.

This was set out in statements issued by Leslie E. Baldock, chairman of the state highway commission, and R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. State revenues for highway purposes were \$6,337,057 in 1933 as compared with \$9,074,347 in 1932 and \$8,334,694 in 1931, or a reduction of 36 per cent in 1933 when compared with 1931. Baldock's statement read: The estimated revenues for state highway purposes in 1934 are \$7,240,000, with requirements for fixed expenses estimated at \$7,074,000.

Baldock's statement indicated that state funds expended for highway improvement on preliminary highways, exclusive of funds expended for surveys, right of way and minor betterments aggregated \$1,421,714 in 1933. These expenditures were estimated at \$1,615,000 for 1934. Baldock said these amounts were made available for construction because of slightly greater revenues than estimated, reduction of fixed expenses below the amounts budgeted, and release of state funds by absorption of certain fixed expense items in the national recovery program. The latter item amounted to \$1,000,000 during the two years.

Nearly Four Million Federal Funds Spent Federal funds expended for highway improvement on primary highways in Oregon aggregated \$3,961,245 in 1933 and were estimated at \$8,000,000 for 1934. The amount for 1934 includes items for which appropriations already have been made by congress. Baldock said he anticipated that the amount would be greatly increased by later appropriations. An additional \$2,000,000 of federal funds will be expended during 1934 on the five Coast highway bridges which are to be constructed as public works administration projects.

Total funds available for construction in 1934, including state funds, federal grant funds to be used on federal aid and forest road projects, and federal loan and grant funds to be applied to bridge construction, will aggregate approximately \$12,500,000. This is the largest amount available for construction purposes since 1931.

Of the gross receipts from gasoline tax and motor vehicle fees in 1933, the state highway commission received only 64 per cent. Approximately 41 per cent of the state's share of gasoline tax and motor vehicle fees in 1933 was required to pay interest and principal on bonds.

State highway bonds now outstanding aggregate \$27,041,750, which is being retired at the rate of approximately \$2,000,000 a year. The annual interest is now \$1,250,000.

Estimated Revenue For 1934 Adequate Scott's statement estimated that net state highway revenues from gasoline tax and motor vehicle fees for 1934, aggregating \$6,294,443 in 1933, will exceed fixed requirements in case no federal construction program were to be carried on, by \$230,000.

These requirements include: Debt service \$2,400,000 General maintenance, primary 1,868,000 Special maintenance, primary 200,000 Maintenance and construction on secondary highways (mandatory by statute) 450,000 Ferries 100,000 Miscellaneous 77,000 Administration 205,000 Old bridges and pavements replaced 500,000 Minor betterment 100,000 Contingencies 100,000 Total \$7,000,000 Oregon funds expended during 1933 on construction, including secondary highways, surveys, rights of way, minor betterment and cooperation on forest road work, amounted to \$2,610,796, as compared with the budget of \$2,327,687. Of this amount \$43,200 was applied to purely state projects. Federal funds expended for construction was \$3,961,345, including forest highways. Expenditures for construction and improvements aggregated \$6,429,025. The state expended of its own funds for maintenance and operation \$5,602,526, including \$3,267,445 interest and principal of the state highway debt.

Turn of the Gold Tide



The first wave of the "yellow tide" of gold flowing back from Europe is shown arriving at New York as 224 cases, containing \$13,000,000 worth of the precious metal, are unloaded from the liner Bremen. The reversal of gold flow is result of President Roosevelt's monetary policy.

"The net revenue to the state highway fund from state tax sources, after deduction is made for money contributed to the state police and counties in 1933, was \$6,337,057, as compared with \$9,074,347 in 1932 and \$8,334,694 in 1931. The anticipated revenue from state sources for the calendar year 1934 is \$7,240,000. Therefore, in comparison with 1931, the reduction in 1933 was \$2,597,637."

Scott said last year's strain of the state's finances had been relieved and the state's credit had been restored to its former high plane. A year ago the state could not disburse its bonds to auctioneers, and Portland bankers took them as a civic duty. Previously issued bonds which then were traded in the markets on a basis of 6 and 6 1/2 per cent interest now sell on a basis of 4 and 4 1/2 per cent.

Rickreall Beaten In Two Contests By Independence

INDEPENDENCE, Feb. 15.—Independence high school took a double victory from Rickreall high in basketball Wednesday night. The first game was between the two girls' teams. The game was very close throughout, each team holding the lead at times. Independence won 20 to 18. The score was tied until the last few seconds.

Lineups: Rickreall 18 20 Independence Middleton F. Kelley P. Coville F. Maitland Brunk J.C. Stalacker J. Coville R.C. Newton Kellogg G. Dickson Referee, E. Baker. The Independence boys' second team defeated Rickreall by a score of 32 to 21. Independence held the lead throughout.

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Spring Advanced 45 Days Beyond Normal, is Word

Lovely weather, continuing through this month, has advanced the spring season at least 45 days, gardeners report. Some people are planting garden peas and a number of flower garden work is being done. A number of spring flowers are in bloom. The early season is evidenced by the number of persons using Willson park. Scores of citizens were to be seen there yesterday afternoon, enjoying the sunshine from a park bench.

Federal employees, beginning an early-in-the-season haircut of the federal building lawn, found no grass so high a scythe was needed to cut it.

Obituary
Pellett At a local hospital, Thursday, February 15, Harry Pellett, aged 61 years, survived by a sister, Mrs. T. L. Ross of Chemawa, two brothers, S. Burdette of Newport and Alfred Burdette of Canby. He was a member of the Newport I. O. O. F. lodge. Funeral services Saturday, February 17, at 1:30 p. m. from the chapel of Clough-Barrick company, Dr. W. E. Petticoat officiating. Interment Claggett cemetery.
Burdette John J. Burdette, aged 72 years, at the I. O. O. F. home, Portland, Feb. 15, 1934. Survived by a sister, Mrs. T. L. Ross of Chemawa, two brothers, S. Burdette of Newport and Alfred Burdette of Canby. He was a member of the Newport I. O. O. F. lodge. Funeral services Saturday, February 17, at 1:30 p. m. from the chapel of Clough-Barrick company, Dr. W. E. Petticoat officiating. Interment Claggett cemetery.
Barnett In this city, February 14, Frank Barnett at the age of 48 years, husband of Mary Barnett. Funeral announcements later by W. T. Rigdon & Son.
Births Antrim—To Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Antrim, 656 Center street, an eight pound girl, Thursday, February 15, at the Bungalow Maternity home.

PREPAREDNESS HELD PEACE PROTECTION

"War cannot be outlawed because it is itself an outlaw, just as is murder," declared Colonel Carl Abrams of the reserve officers association yesterday in addressing Lions club members at the Gray Belle on preparedness. Abrams' address was one of a number sponsored by the reserve officers in observance of national defense week.

"The trained soldier or civilian reservist realizes the suffering, privation and death of war; yet he offers his life and happiness in his home," Abrams went on. "He pleads for preparedness because he knows the cost of war. Unpreparedness led us into the World war."

Abrams said that while the United States army was being brought up to treaty strength, its army was 17th in strength. "The purpose of the entire military establishment," the speaker averred, "is to preserve the peace of the country, without any thought of military aggression. Until all armies are decreased to nominal police power, we must maintain an adequate defense. War clouds are heavier on the horizon than ever before."

Kuhn Nomination Petitions Filed; Randall May Run

Completed petitions nominating V. P. Kuhn for Salem's mayor were filed with City Recorder Paulsen yesterday. Although but 153 signatures were required, the petitions bore 320 names. Kuhn is the only candidate to date for mayor.

ART MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS NAMED

Officials for the Oregon State Art Museum association have been announced as follows: Board of trustees: Ex officio members include the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and state librarian together with nine elected trustees as follows: Mayor Douglas McKay, J. M. Clifford, Mrs. Elsa Ebsen, Viola Price Franklin, Prof. J. Leo Fairbanks, Mrs. Harold Dickson March, Anton Piers, Prof. Andrew Vincent and Senator William F. Woodward.

Officers elected by the trustees include Mayor McKay, president; Viola Price Franklin, vice-president; J. M. Clifford, secretary, and Harriet Long, treasurer. The executive committee is made up of the above officers and Senator P. Woodward. The accession committee includes McKay, Clifford, Vincent, Fairbanks and Mrs. Marsh.

DUNDEE MEETS JEBY

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Vince Dundee, the middleweight champion, and Ben Jebby of New York, a former holder of the title, will meet in a ten round non-title bout tomorrow night at the stadium in Chicago's first major boxing contest of the year.

MILK COMPANY IS HOST TO GROCERS

Over 200 grocers and their wives were entertained Thursday night by the Morning Milk company of Salt Lake City and the Williams et al Grocery company, wholesale grocers, at a "variety" program in the chamber of commerce rooms.

Two hours of entertainment were provided for the guests, the principal feature of the evening being the appearance of Viola Blaney and Ken Quinney, Columbia Broadcasting company "Wearers of Dreams." Salem talent which was presented included Mary Schultz, violinist; Ruth Bedford, pianist; Kathleen and Marjorie Broer, violin and flute duet; Ewing McCroskey, saw solo; the Hollywood Theatre Company band under the direction of Bill Braseau, and the Salem Hawaiian trio, under the direction of Bill Storhew.

Mary Schultz and the Blaney-Quinney team were featured on Columbia network programs from the Columbia studios in New York some time ago and last night's meeting was their first since Miss Schultz came to Salem. Miss Blaney and Quinney recently completed a series of programs over station KGW in Portland. The Williams et al Grocery company is local distributor for Morning milk.

Old-Age Pension Applicants Will Total About 500

About 500 applications for old-age pensions will have been received by Marion county when the pension board completes its taking of applications this week. Nearly 450 had been received. A number of applications were not to be filled out at the home of applicants who are unable physically to come to the courthouse to make a personal request for a pension.

UTTER ANNOUNCES RACE FOR SENATE

First Marion county democrat to announce his intention to file as candidate for the position of state senator from this district is Dr. Floyd T. Utter, dentist, of Salem. The announcement came yesterday following conferences with democratic leaders and friends.

Dr. Utter plans to make an active campaign throughout the county if nominated. Organization of the Young Democratic League on a county-wide scale is to be effected during the next few weeks, with the first meeting scheduled for February 23 at the Marion hotel. Carl Donough, chairman of the state central committee, and Les Joslin, state president of the Young Democratic League, will speak.

"MEN WITH BRAINS NOT FOR SALE" AIM

To Frank E. Judd, candidate for precinct committee of the democratic party, go honors for their most comprehensive platform yet announced by any aspirant for the honor. Judd, who lives on route four, filed for the democratic committee membership yesterday. "Wise legislators whose brains are not for sale to the highest bidder," is the slogan Judd wants on the ballot opposite his name.

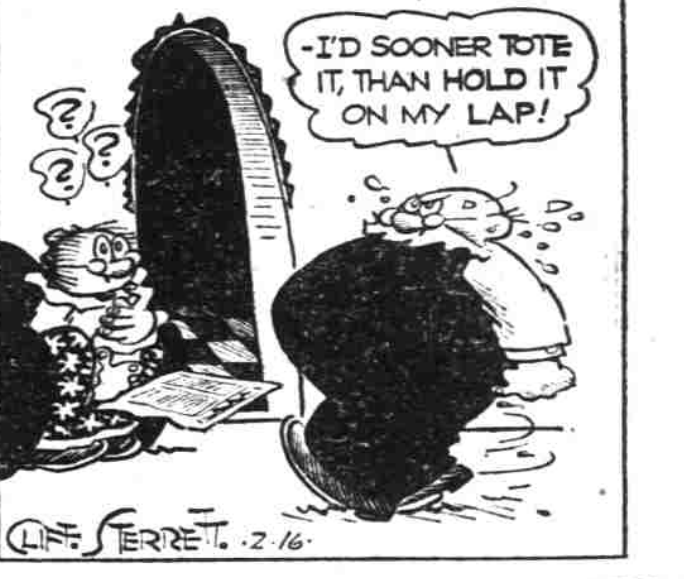
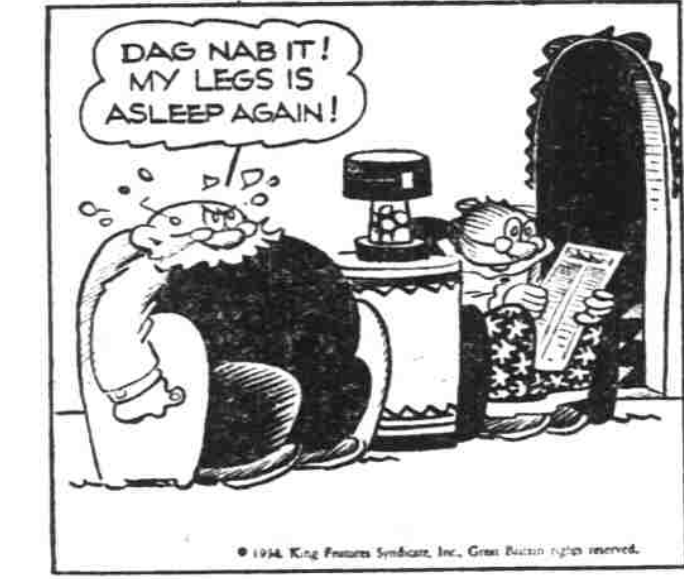
In making his filing, Judd reported the following platform: "I will do what I can to see that nominees of the democratic party are prudent men with a knowledge of political science in its later developments and men who will use that knowledge practically and carefully, to advance the welfare of the great majority. I will do what I can to see that such men are elected." J. L. Calavan of Marion also filed for the democratic committee yesterday as did Alvin G. Young, 1230 North 21st street, Salem.

Democrats Plan Active Campaign

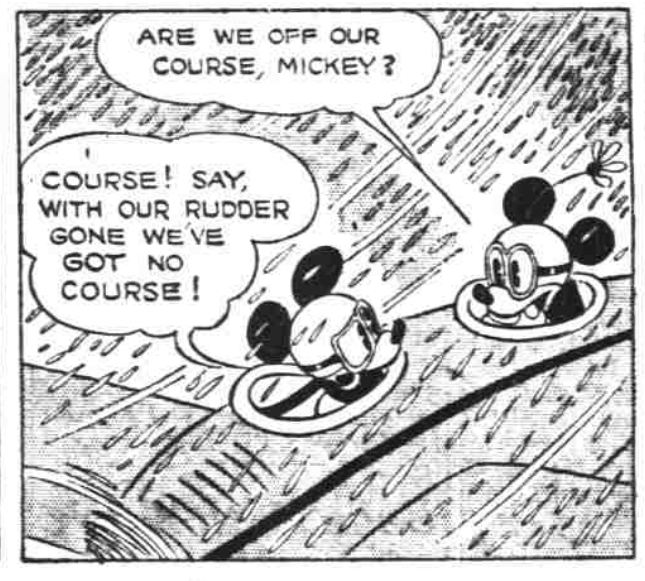
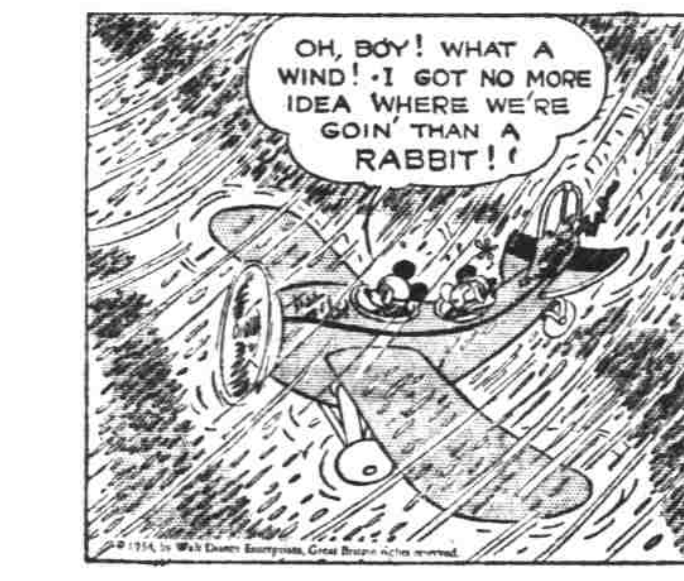
Forty candidates have already filed for precinct committee posts in the democratic organization in the county. B. S. Martin, secretary of the central committee, reported Thursday. Thirty-four out of 79 precincts now have candidates. In some of the precincts there will be a spirited race for the committee membership. Turnes has three candidates for its position. Filings must be in by April 18 and May 18 the election will be held. The county clerk's office reports an increase in the number of democratic voters registering. Totals will not be available until the registration books close April 18.

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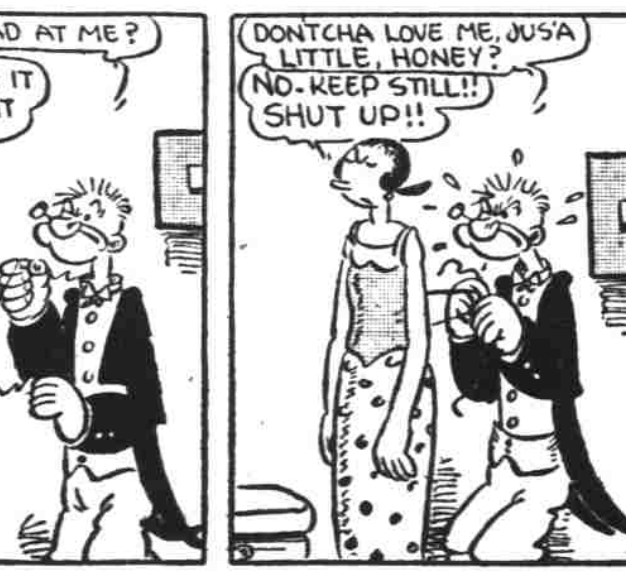
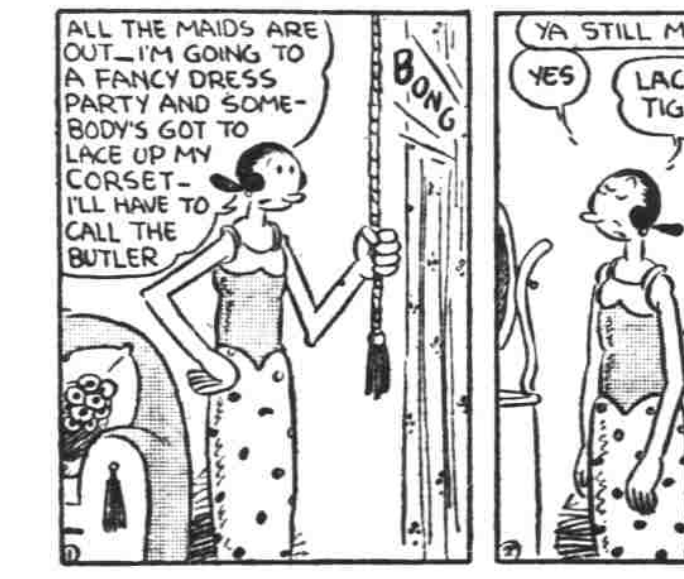
POLLY AND HER PALS



MICKEY MOUSE



THIMBLE THEATRE—Starring Popeye



LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY



TOOTS AND CASPER

