

# Ways-Means Group Uses 1933 Reduced Pay Scale as Basis

## ADJUSTMENT IS LIKELY, STATED

### Sub-Committee Appointed to Investigate Higher Education Issues

As a tentative basis for making appropriations to the various state institutions and departments for the current biennium, the ways and means committee of the legislature Monday night decided to utilize the salary and wage schedule adopted at the 1933 legislative session.

Senator Hess declared that while he realized that the ways and means committee would have to conserve funds, he thought it would be unwise to reach a conclusion regarding the salary and wage basis at this time.

"We might want to reach a compromise late," he said. The records show that the 1933 legislative session reduced the salaries and wages of state officials and employees in amounts ranging from 5 to 30 per cent. These cuts were made compulsory upon officials whose salaries were fixed by the constitution, although a number of these accepted voluntary reductions.

Senator Strayer suggested that the appropriations for the current biennium be worked out on the basis of the reduced salaries but that the committee reserve the right to make adjustments. It was voted to appoint a sub-committee of five members to study the higher educational budget. At the 1933 legislative session \$500,000 of millage taxes of these institutions was diverted to the general fund.

Reports indicated that there would be some opposition to this procedure at the present legislative session. The protest will be based on the ground that the enrollment has increased and operating costs have advanced.

Senator Zimmerman called attention of other members of the committee to omissions in the Meier-Hansen budget. He said these omissions would have to be corrected with the result that the total appropriations would be increased over the original figures.

A report filed with the committee was declared to show that commodity prices at the state institutions had increased only seven per cent during the past four years instead of from 15 to 25 per cent as alleged by a number of institutional heads.

The report was based on purchases made by the Oregon State hospital, which is the largest of the state institutions. Senator Strayer suggested that in making appropriations for the current biennium the commodity prices be based on those for the past two years, subject to any percentage increase that may be decided upon later.

The suggestion was accepted by the committee.

### Asks Exemption Of Healing Fees

Fees for Christian Science healing should be included in exemptions allowed in making state income tax payments, Theodore Burkhardt of Portland, presenting the Christian Science committee on publication, told the house committee on taxation and revenue yesterday. Under a bill pending before the committee, hospital, medical and funeral bills, up to a total of \$1500, would be allowed as annual deductions from income taxes. The committee took no action on the bill pending the testimony of witnesses representing the medical profession.

## The Call Board...

**GRAND**  
Today — Richard Arlen in "Helldorado."  
Wednesday — Will Rogers in "The Country Chaperon."  
**ELGINORE**  
Today — Irene Dunne in "Sweet Adeline."  
Wednesday — Barbara Stanwyck in "The Secret Bride."  
Friday — "Pursuit of Happiness" with Charles Rogers and Mary Boland.

**CAPITOL**  
Today — Double bill, Laura La Plante in "Churchmouse," and Tim McCoy in "Beyond the Law."  
Thursday — Double bill, Ramon Novarro in "The Night is Young," and "The Notorious Gentleman" with Charles Bickford.

**STATE**  
Today — Lionel Atwill in "Beggars in Ermine."  
Wednesday — Ralph Bellamy in "Once to Every Woman."  
Thursday — Lee Tracy in "You Belong to Me," and Buster Keaton in "Aller-Op."

**HOLLYWOOD**  
Today — "Caravan" with Loretta Young.  
Wednesday — "Born to Be Bad" with Loretta Young, and "You Can't Buy Everything" with May Robson.

Friday — "Wheels of Destiny" with Ken Maynard and "When the Gods Destroy" with Walter Connolly.

### Wants Her to Be President



Here is Miss Beverly Mott, born January 7, shown with her father, Representative James W. Mott, when she was only three days old. She is the first congressional baby born during the new session. Mrs. Mott is doing nicely. Mr. Mott says she will be the first woman president of the United States.—Washington Star staff photo.

## INVENTORS TO SHOW Original Devices at Exhibition Here; Make PUBLIC THEIR WARES

More than 50 inventors living in Marion and Polk counties met last evening at the call of the Salem chamber of commerce and definitely decided to put on an inventors' exhibition to be held in Salem within the next few weeks.

In order to make the exhibition most accessible, the inventors, members of the Inventors Engineers association of Marion and Polk counties, voted to secure a suitable building in the business section of the city and to hold the exhibition several days. Members of Manufacturers' associations of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma will be invited to attend and witness actual demonstrations of these inventions. It is estimated that more than 75 exhibits will be shown.

At the meeting last evening, inventors described the following inventions which will be among those shown at the exhibition: Iceless ice cream freezer, autogiro designed to automatically fold rotor while in flight, combination milk bottle container and locking device, new and improved recirculating system for ranges, heaters and hop driers, machines a game of skill, device for preventing the collision of ships in a fog, rotary mixer for mixing molasses and grain, automatic animal trap and automatic press for pulling bushings, gears and wheels, indicator for showing when auto headlights are burning, diesel oil burner for ranges, heaters and hop driers, improvements in boat knees, device for sealing paper bags, show case lighting and price display tag system, free gold concentrator, automatic tire or tube tester, threadless pipe coupling and non-cooking battery terminals.

The exhibition will be a non-profit affair and will be sponsored by the chamber of commerce just to enable Marion and Polk county inventors an opportunity to show their various inventions.

## OPPOSE MONOPOLY UPON MOTOR FUEL

Prohibition of all monopolies in the transportation and sale of motor fuel in Oregon is sought in House Bill 59, introduced yesterday afternoon in the lower assembly of the legislature.

The bill, if made into law, would make the state's policy one opposed to any act which would interfere with "unrestricted competition" in the handling of oil's sale. Price fixing of any nature would be restricted, wholesalers or dealers would be prohibited from making agreements on minimum prices, and no company, directly or indirectly, would be allowed to be in both the wholesale and retail oil distribution business.

Under the act courts in the state would be allowed to issue injunctions prohibiting any illegal combinations in sale of oil and to enforce their decrees by a fine up to \$5000 and by one year's jail sentence.

Any hospitals charging fees for its services would be fined the county tax rolls under House Bill 57. House Bill 58 provides that licensees for itinerant sellers of medicines in a county be reduced from \$450 to \$25 a year.

## COUNCIL CHOOSES MINTO AS MEMBER

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per month, or the amount all patrolmen received last year. Only one of the five bids to make the proposed complete city audit specified a maximum charge. This bid, by Frank R. Kellogg of Salem, set a \$1000 limit. Like the others it provided a per diem, in this case \$10 for senior and \$4 for junior accountants. Other bids compared as follows:

J. B. Protzman, Salem, \$5 per day, \$5 per day for checker when needed, \$5 per day for typist; William Whitfield Company, Portland, \$25 a day for senior, \$15 for junior accountants, \$15 an hour for stenographer, 15 per cent of total cost for principal, and expenses at cost; Stanley B. Walker, Salem, \$15 a day for senior, \$8 for junior accountant, if begun by April 15; \$10 and \$6, respectively, if begun after July 15; H. A. Jansen, Portland, \$20 a day, \$20 for additional auditors.

**Named Next Meeting**  
The bids were filed with the recorder and action on them made a special order of business at the next session.

## OVER THOUSAND DEMAND ACTION

### Pension Plan Banner Taken Before Legislature; Hearing Held

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Charles Page of Eugene outlined the history of the Townsend plan, saying it has grown tremendously since last February when it got under way in California. He claimed 100,000 signers for the Townsend plan in Oregon. "We expect our representatives to represent us as the majority wish," he claimed. "The leaders of the nation are getting behind this plan."

### Take Four Million Out of Employment

Page said 4,000,000 persons above 60 years of age were now busy in the United States. Pay these people under the Townsend plan and as many younger people will be taken from the unemployed lists. The Townsend plan will curtail crime, will relieve the unemployment crisis and will provide immediate buying power for all classes.

"In Lane county, with 28,000 voters, we have 24,700 signers to the Townsend petition," Page declared. "What amazes me is that there are some people who do not know about the plan and I have yet to see an opponent whose argument would stand up."

Ernest Rhodes of Grants Pass said it was the duty of the legislature and the governor to tell the congress that the Townsend plan is the "demand" of the people. He received great applause. Rhodes said he was "exhibit A" of the value of the Townsend plan because for seven years he had received \$150 a month as a retired fire chief from Los Angeles. He said his wife would give anyone the recipe for spending the pension.

### Claims Sales Tax Would Be Adequate

Rhodes said the sales tax would provide revenue for the Townsend plan. He praised the gasoline tax and the check tax which the state has handled. "Let's get rid of this fear," he said. "We can raise money for the Townsend plan. We can say 'If we will distribute \$2,000,000,000 every 30 days not a man, woman or child will be unemployed at the end of that time.'"

"We are here to wage a war on want, on fear, and on death," declared Rev. W. O. Livingston of Silverton. "It is the war through which mankind has ever fought. Remedies must be unusual in these unusual times. The difficulty with the most of these remedies is that they do not provide a cure," said Livingston. "The crowd cheer when he said nothing had swept the nation in the last 100 years as had the Townsend plan, which 'presents a solution of the great problem, not only the problem of the old person but also the problem of the younger people and the restoration of the nation.'"

The speaker said existing pension plans were absolutely inadequate. It is the only plan which will not increase taxes but instead will decrease them because charity paid for by the state and by private plans is a drain on the treasury. Livingston said the cost of handling crime would be virtually abolished with the Townsend plan in effect.

"We pensioned all Europe during the war; when you old people come here you call them 'junk' and refuse to take them in," he said. "If you put two billion dollars into circulation it should bring 20 billions of trade. These old people have sacrificed and worked; they are entitled to our care now."

"In the machine age there is utterly no sense in people going without goods; down there in the south where they are plowing up cotton, men have one pair of socks and women one cotton dress. The system is not fantastic; it is idiotic. We have reached the mechanical age and we must never enter it guided by selfishness and greed. You must go into that new era with a new state of mind. If you do not this from and steel like the juggernaut of old will grind you into the dust."

Haight ridiculed the president's "abundant life" program, saying Roosevelt proposed that if you chipped in for "800 months" he would give you \$24 a month. If you don't do this, Haight said, the president would seek you out and try to sell you an insurance policy.

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## HOUSE SESSIONS ON MONDAY ARE BRIEF

Two sessions of the house of representatives, which took only 40 minutes in total time, were rushed through yesterday, members spending most of their time at committee hearings.

Major among new measures introduced was one by Representative Harrison of Linn county providing for the creation of the office of lieutenant-governor, the rate of pay to be \$8 per day, and the term of office and the qualifications the same as those of the governor. The lieutenant-governor would be ex-officio president of the senate and would succeed the governor in case of the latter's death or incapacity.

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## Under the Dome

BEN OSBORNE, leader in organized labor for the state, arrived in Salem yesterday and plans to be at the session steadily until adjournment. Labor conducts its lobby from headquarters on the third floor of the main building. Closest to the union group is the state grange which has worked hand in hand with organized labor in fighting the sales tax. The grange and the union group have usually been together on income tax matters, except the unions do not wish the level exemptions pushed as low as do the farmers. Labor this year will ask that public payrolls be met more often than once a month, the present pay every 30 days only helping the "loan sharks" drawn. If the legislature should refuse an appropriation the treasurer's department would be left holding a valueless assignment. In all the years this procedure has been carried on, however, the treasurer has not lost; the theory and fact being that the state will not dishonor the valid claims of its employees or of its treasurer. The lapse in the time between January 1 and the time legislative appropriations go through the session is one of the many valid reasons the state should adopt July 1 to July 3 as its fiscal year. A law already passed provides for this change, but it will not become effective until some legislature makes appropriations for a two and one-half year period and thus gets the new system actually under way.

## INSTITUTION COST UP BEFORE BOARD

### Holman Calls All Heads in; Governor Warns Budget Must Be Kept Down

Back in his former role as the aggressive member of the board of control, Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, yesterday morning arranged for the appearance of heads of all state institutions before the state board of control, each one bringing the board a report that the budget outlays proposed for 1935-1936 in the Meier-Hansen outlay of state expenditures were far inadequate to carry them through the coming biennium.

Governor Charles H. Martin, presiding at his first board of control meeting, summed up his views on the institution situation by a statement that "expenses must be kept down to the last penny. We have a very serious problem in this state in meeting the relief requirements of \$4,000,000 for the coming months and cannot increase our general state expenditures a cent more than is imperative."

Institution heads told the board that increased costs of food and supplies would run their needed budgets up from 10 to 20 per cent over the last biennium. Treasurer Holman frequently interspersed the reports with comments that the budget proposed was inadequate and that the state board of control had not been consulted before the budget was submitted to the legislature.

Dr. R. Lee Steiner, head of the state hospital in Salem, asked Governor Martin if he had determined on a general policy for institutions which he would like the department heads to present to the ways and means committee as that group called them to their meetings. The governor said he was not ready to commit himself on the policy of his administration towards the institutional budget. "We are glad to have this data from you department heads despite the desperate tales you bring," the general laughingly commented as the meeting broke up.

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Technically speaking, State of Oregon employees must wait the passage of the 1935-1936 appropriation bills before they can draw a cent of salary this year. This would mean no pay checks until sometime in March so the treasurer's office has arranged to take assignments of "if and when claims" and to distribute money against these claims, the secretary of state's office not being allowed to issue warrant until moneys are in the specific fund against which the warrant is drawn.

The average visitor at the session, unless he is experienced in the ways of legislatures, finds himself discouraged in discussing what is going on. He drifts in the house or senate to find the discussions sketchy and dull. The milling crowds in the lobby disturb him. He makes no attempt to ferret out what is doing in committees — there are too many committee cubby holes, too many strange committee names, too much confusion.

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## Governor Martin Signs First Bill

Governor Martin yesterday afternoon signed his first bill as new chief executive of the state. It was House Bill 5, providing \$25,000 as an initial outlay for the expenses of the 38th session of the legislature.

## TOMORROW! WILL ROGERS "THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN"

with EVELYN VENABLE LOUISE DRESSER

ENDS TODAY!

RICHARD ARLEN RALPH BELLAMY MADGE EVANS JAMES GLEASON

SALEM GRAND

## HARD SLEDDING AHEAD OF BILL

### Boards Affected Have Their Say at Hearing; Some of Teeth are Yanked

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While the fish commission and the game commission sent no representatives to the meeting, the committee was informed last night by Representative Leach that 22 sportsmen had already wired protests to the proposed changes. N. Ray Albers, Multnomah county representative, said he felt it inadvisable to include the game funds in any pooling of moneys in the general fund.

Major changes in House Bill 1 were reported by the sub-committee which considered the measure over the weekend. Higher education funds will not be included in the general fund under the amendments the committee has now agreed upon. Nor will funds of the world war veterans' commission, of the state printing board, of any activity of the federal government conducted by the state or of any industrial activity of any state institution be included in the general fund.

The new planning commission bill greatly reduces the original field of work sought for the board and reduces its functions to those of a solely advisory nature. Only Four Specific Duties of Board Left

Thirteen specific tasks laid out for the proposed commission in the original administration bill, were cut to four in the measure which received committee approval.

These functions of the board will be:

1. To recommend to the governor plans for the conservation and development of the natural resources of the state.
2. To conduct surveys and investigations outlining a program of public works to submit to the governor.
3. To cooperate with regional and federal planning boards.
4. To conduct investigations and studies at the request of the governor or of the legislature.

Membership in the board stands at nine, as proposed in the original bill. Members are to serve without pay, five for four years and four for two years. Members cannot be removed by the board's vote as provided in the first proposed planning board bill. The appropriation for the board is reduced from \$40,000 to \$30,000.

Functions of the board are to be advisory only and are in no way to conflict with the duties of other state boards and departments.

The substitute measure provides for the abolition of the reconstruction advisory board first named in Oregon in 1932.

Governor Martin addressed a letter to the joint ways and means committee approving the substitute bill.

## Loan Request Is Laid Upon Table

The senate laid on the table Monday a memorial by Senator Lessard petitioning the public works administration to authorize a loan to finance construction of an aerial cableway and cable railway in the Mt. Hood district.

The memorial was reported out unfavorably by the senate industries committee.

ELGINORE

LAST TIMES TODAY

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