

Graduated Chain Store Tax to be Asked by House Group

ALSO LICENSE INDEPENDENTS

\$250 is Maximum Tax Planned; \$100,000 Estimated as Revenue to State

A chain store tax, graduated up to \$250 a store, which also incorporates licenses for each independent merchant in the state, will be asked in an assessment and taxation committee bill which will be dropped into the house hopper today. The bill was drafted at a meeting of the committee last night.

Although no definite estimate of the amount of revenue to be raised by this measure was possible, house leaders indicated a return of more than \$100,000 should result to the state treasury.

The committee bill drafted last night is not as drastic as the measure introduced several days ago, but does include every line of business, Chairman Henry Olsen of the committee pointed out. The direction of the measure is placed with the state tax commission.

"The license fees asked in this bill are not so drastic that it will mean increased prices in merchandise," Chairman Olsen said. "It will mean the fees will be paid out of the profits of the store."

The committee last night also reported out two other minor taxation measures.

UNIFORM MARRIAGE LAW STUDY OKED

The senate yesterday approved a house resolution by Representative Hockett authorizing the appointment of a committee of the Oregon legislature to confer with a similar committee from the state of Washington with relation to uniform marriage laws.

The committee will be composed of two members of the house and one member of the senate with expenses limited to \$25 each. Senator Best explained that the conference was necessary because of the conflicting marriage laws existing in the two states at the present time. He declared that it was imperative that the two states should adopt a uniform law relating to physical examination of applicants for marriage licenses.

A memorial was introduced by the committee on horticulture urging the federal government to refrain from any reduction in the tariff rates on cherries. The memorial was addressed to President Roosevelt and the federal tariff commission.

Officers Named By Polk County Scout District

The Polk county district committee of the Boy Scouts met at Dallas Tuesday night with Dr. A. S. Jensen, Mount, president. Explanation of the district setup was explained by district leaders. Dale Smith, Dallas, was elected vice chairman and Dr. C. E. Long, Independence, district commissioner. The next meeting of the group will be Monday, February 11, at the First M. E. church in Dallas.

The Call Board...

ELSINORE
Today — "Biography of a Bachelor Girl" with Ann Harding.
Grand
Today — Eddie Cantor in "Kid Millions".
Saturday — "We Live Again" with Anna Sten.

CAPITOL
Today — Double bill, Mary Astor in "Straight from the Heart" and George Arliss in "A Successful Calamity".
Friday — Double bill, "The Silver Streak" with an all star cast, and "Randy Rides Alone" with John Wayne.

STATE
Today — Double bill, John Barrymore in "Long Lost Father" and "Wake Up and Dream".
Saturday — "Shadows of Sing Sing" with Mary Brian.

HOLLYWOOD
Today — Robert Montgomery in "Hide-Out".
Friday — Double bill, Walter Connolly in "White Lies" and "The Westerner" with Tim McCoy.

It was like sparkling dialogue, rapid-fire action, some of the most gorgeous mountain scenery ever to be flashed on a screen, and players admirably cast, go to the Elsinore theatre where Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Biography of a Bachelor Girl" is now on view.

Opening at Elsinore Today



Robert Montgomery, Charles Richman and Edward Everett Horton as they appear in "Biography of a Bachelor Girl" beginning today at the Elsinore.

Responsibility Bill Best Means of Reducing Number Of Accidents, Bynon Avers

Passage of the safety responsibility bill introduced by the national conference on state and highway safety last year, would do more to reduce accidents in the state of Oregon than any other piece of legislation introduced at the present legislative session, Senator Bynon told members of the senate roads and highways committee Wednesday afternoon.

Byron explained that the bill was a compromise answer to those who urged compulsory automobile insurance and to those who would retain the present practice of no required insurance.

The act would require the owner of a vehicle who has been judged responsible for an automobile accident to furnish proof of financial responsibility up to \$5000 for the bodily injury or death of one person and up to \$10,000 for two or more persons. For property damage in excess of \$100 the automobile owner would be compelled to quality financial responsibility in the amount of \$1000.

Byron said the bill differs from compulsory insurance for the reason that it requires only those involved in motor vehicle accidents to furnish proof that a judgment or judgments rendered against them have been satisfied and that they are financially responsible for future accidents and damage, before they are reinstated as motor vehicle operators.

Installation Payments Provided
Provision is made for payments of judgments by installments if approved by the court.

Proof of financial responsibility may be given either by liability insurance policy or by bond with a regularly licensed insurance company, or by personal bond signed by two freeholders. Money or securities equivalent to the amount of the bond deposited with the state treasurer also will be accepted as proof of responsibility.

SOCIAL INSURANCE CONGRESS CALLED
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whatsoever levied upon the workers."

The provisional committee calling the congress declares its opposition to the Townsend plan and the Wagner-Lewis bill.

Men listed as members of the sponsoring committee include Rev. Ross W. Anderson, president of the American Civil Liberties league; Ben Anderson, delegate to the Portland Central Labor council; Harry L. Gross, legal adviser, civil emergency council; Louis Olson, section organizer, communist party; Mrs. G. A. Ramsey, advisor, Utopian society; Harry Corell, state organizer, United Farmers' league; Nolan A. MacKrell is chairman of the organization committee.

J Mack Brown to Be Seen, Mickey Club Serial Here
Star of the greatest picture since "The Covered Wagon," John Mack Brown, hard riding, hard fighting hero of a dozen outstanding action films, is coming to the Elsinore theatre Saturday at the Mickey Mouse matinee in the first chapter of "Rustlers of Red Dog."

Before Johnny went to Hollywood he was a hero on the football field as star player at the University of Alabama, where he became an All-American. Since his entrance into pictures he has been the idol of millions of lovers of action films. As Jack Woods, marshal of the western town of Nugget, he is enacting a role which fits him like a glove.

Hannah Martin, Hockett Named For Conference
Representative Hannah Martin of this county and Representative Hockett of Walla Walla were named yesterday afternoon to represent the house of representatives in a conference with two members of the Washington assembly. The meeting will be held to discuss uniform legislation and rules of states for persons to fulfill before securing marriage licenses. The contingent from Olympia, Wash., has not yet been named nor the place for the conference.

7 Named in House To Expedite Work
Speaker Cooter yesterday afternoon named a house "expedient committee" and charged it with the specific duty of assisting him in bringing the work of the lower house to completion at the earliest possible time. Cooter said the committee's work would be entirely advisory. It will not take the place of the house committee on legislation and rules as a steering committee. Members named on the new committee are Representatives Fattland, Hamilton, Norblad, Boivin, Dickson, Earl Hill and Bull.

OREGON EPIC'S PROPOSED HERE

Bill Introduced by Barnes; Social Insurance Plans are Offered

Upton Sinclair's "Epic" plan, which met an overwhelming defeat in California in the last election, served as the model for the Oregon "Epic" plan, introduced in the house yesterday by Representative Ellis W. Barnes, D. Multnomah, at the request of the National Welfare Economic federation.

Commission Would Direct
A state commission of five members, appointed by the governor, would direct the plan, which provides for the hiring of unemployed persons in factories and on farms to be leased by the state. The workers would be paid in warrants or warehouse receipts, to be exchanged for products at state stores. Fifty percent of the net profits of the program would be diverted to the rehabilitation group.

Unemployment and social insurance, pending passage of federal legislation, was offered by Senator Peter Zimmerman, R. Yamhill, and Representative D. A. Norton, D. Multnomah.

\$10 Minimum Payment
The insurance payments would be not less than \$10 for each adult and \$3 for each dependent under 16. The money for which would be raised from funds set aside for the state militia and other military purposes by a graduated tax on incomes in excess of \$5000 annually and the graduated capital levy on the net worth of any person or corporation exceeding \$25,000.

Workers would not be deprived of insurance for refusing striking jobs or for labor contracts at less than union wages. Part time workers would be paid the difference between their wages and the insurance payments.

FISH WHEEL GROUP RETALIATES, BILL

Counteracting the opening move of gillnet operators to legislate against fixed fishing gears, was a bill introduced in the house yesterday by Representative Roscoe Krier, D. Wasco, which would restore fish wheels to the Columbia river, limit the length of gillnets, make it unlawful to use a series of seines and prohibit commercial fishing for steelhead.

The old fishing feud, which was fanned to a white heat two years ago, was opened again two weeks ago when the lower river delegation offered the bill which would prohibit fixed fishing gear. The retaliation move, launched yesterday, came on the heels of the publishing before the state fisheries committee on the initial bill Tuesday night.

Fish wheels were banned from the Columbia river in 1927, at which time commercial fishermen lost thousands of dollars when the ban was imposed on fixed gear, they declared. Krier explained yesterday the upper river felt it had been discriminated against for the last eight years and wanted a final showdown on the fishing question. Gillnets, driftnets would be limited to 750 feet in length, by Krier's bill.

Public Building Architect Bill is Passed by House

All buildings of a public nature must be constructed with plans approved by a registered architect and supervised by him or by a registered engineer during the time of construction under the terms of House Bill 124 which went through the lower assembly yesterday afternoon. Seventeen members voted against the bill. Residential dwellings and farm and small community properties would be exempted. Representative Dickson proposed the amendments for the small builder, which were accepted by unanimous consent.

Two Reports Filed, Fish Trap Measure

The senate fisheries industries committee yesterday filed majority and minority reports in connection with a bill introduced by Senator Francisovich prohibiting fish wheels, fish traps, and other fixed gear in the Columbia river and other streams over which the state has concurrent jurisdiction. A hearing on the bill was held Tuesday night with more than 500 fishermen in attendance.



STATE employees do not dare lobby for wage and salary increases but they are watching anxiously reports from the ways and means committee. The majority of state workers feel there is no valid reason they should not have a part of their 1933-1934 pay cut returned. They contend the reduction for those two years was in the nature of a contract between the state and themselves; the adjustment was accepted on the provisions that the old salary base be restored in 1935. Particularly irksome to the state workers is the steady return of federal salaries to pre-depression levels with the result that Uncle Sam's helpers will be back to par by July 1.

Representative Erwin has worked out a new technique in handling public hearings. Instead of giving one side and then the other time to present its arguments in one group, Erwin alternates the speakers—one for the affirmative, one for the negative. Between each speech he tells the audience the purpose of the hearing, re-announces the preceding speaker and introduces the next man to speak. Erwin gets this showmanship training from his experience over the radio in Portland.

Bite: The Oregon Democrat showed its liberality in its current issue and gave the first page to a Lincoln picture. . . . Thanks were expressed by the young republicans. . . . two stenographers worked steadily yesterday to copy the Ickes proposal for state legislation and at the end of the day had completed copies of less than half of them. . . . memorials go through the house and senate with scant consideration as the members consider the memorials only as being goodwill from their sponsors and have no effect whatever on congress. . . . the senate is holding strictly to its rules which

do not permit lobbyists on the floor. . . . signs have been posted throughout the chamber to warn the public. . . . the report of the interim committee on small loans is so large the printer's office has not been able to get it out although it has been there for a week. . . . meanwhile the small loan bills in the house and senate are languishing.

From sources close to the governor comes word that Leslie M. Scott is to continue indefinitely as chairman of the state highway commission. H. B. Van Duser had been proffered the post, it is understood, but will not consent under any circumstances to take it. J. C. Ainsworth, Portland bank board chairman, feels that his health is such that he would not want the responsibility; the experience with C. K. Spaulding still rankles in Ainsworth's mind. Governor Martin is known to think highly of Scott who is extremely hard-working, economical and appreciative of the entire state's needs.

Here and there: Demands for new bills coming in by mail are unusually large this session. . . . the administration's offices close at 5 p. m. now but conferences continue to run until the dinner hour. . . . republican members of the house kicked about Speaker Cooter's advisory committee, declaring it was not authorized in the rules of the lower assembly. . . . grange legislation has been noticeably absent this session, the grange lobby thus far appearing principally in protest to pending measures. . . . Roy Shields, who appeared for the Portland school board at the tenure bill hearing, is ranked among the best ten attorneys in the state. . . . he formerly practiced here and served on the Salem school board. . . .

Ex-Senator Sam Garland, who can always be counted on for a stirring democratic speech, came here from Lebanon yesterday to confer with the governor's office and to meet legislative members. Garland was for a number of years a member of the senate. Sensing the democratic tide, Garland essayed to come back to the senate last spring but a competitive newcomer from Lincoln county politics, Senator Stringer, won the nomination. Stringer is a farmer; Garland an attorney. Report at the statehouse was that Garland was discussing a democratic appointment as county judge at Albany to succeed the late D. O. Woodworth. D. S. Smith of Albany is being urged for the post; he is a former Linn county sheriff.

100TH PUPIL ENTERS
SCIO, Feb. 6.—The registration of Glen Waggoner, freshman from Jefferson, has brought the total enrollment in the high school to an even 100, or six more than that of last year and only 13 less than that of 1932-33, the banner year.

Central Phone System Savings Cited, Holman
A central switchboard in the state capital plant would save the taxpayers of Oregon approximately \$3000 annually, Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, reported to the state board of control yesterday. Holman said he based this figure on a recent investigation of the telephone situation.

Under Holman's plan a branch telephone exchange would be located in the Oregon building in Portland.

All state departments are now served by individual telephone lines and there is no way of checking on many long-distance calls.

TWO GIRLS ARRIVE
ALBANY, Feb. 6.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Comstock twin girls, Sunday. Mrs. Comstock is a daughter of the Emmet Staats.

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UNA MERKEL EDWARD ARNOLD

SOLONS URGED TO DROP BILLS

Administration Not Ready to Sponsor Insurance or Pension Setups

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and be in a position to adjourn in 40 days."

Pension Plans Must Be Started by Congress
Nor is the Martin administration ready to sponsor any immediate legislation in Oregon for old-age pensions or unemployment insurance. Here, too, everything waits for Washington. Martin declared, reiterating his stand of the campaign that pensions and unemployment insurance must be started at federal headquarters.

Governor Martin stated yesterday noon that he had received a telegram from Senator Byrd of Virginia saying that passage of the proposed unemployment insurance bills and old-age pension bills sought by Washington would bankrupt Virginia. "I replied the state of Oregon is already bankrupt," Governor Martin said.

The administration indicated no warmth yesterday to the 15-point legislative program proposed by FWA Administrator Ickes. It was made plain that the measures would not be forced into the legislature as administrative proposals.

Van Winkle Pondering FWA Measures

The major measures of the 15-point program were being copied yesterday so the house judiciary committee could go over them while Attorney General Van Winkle also pondered the program. Four of the bills call for the creation of utility districts of varying types, all financed by revenue-backed bonds.

The administration pointed out that the utility bills were largely covered in measures already on the statute books and that the bills to enable cities to issue more bonds were in probable conflict with provisions of the state constitution.

Governor Martin's view is that the state is already provided with more than enough laws. "Why not have fewer laws and execute those now on the statute books?" he questioned. "As things stand now, everybody in the country is being placed in a straight jacket. We are far away from the old Jeffersonian principle that the best governed people are the least governed people."

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Legislative Calendar

Thursday, February 7

HOUSE

Session convenes at 10:30 a. m.

Up for final passage: House Bills 52, 90, 115, 114, 122, 143, 152, 209, 221, 107, 105, 191, 194, 205, 210, 215.

H. J. R. S. P. H. J. M. S. Senate bills 43, 50, S. J. R. S. 4.

SENATE

Session convenes at 10 a. m.

Bills up on third reading in the senate today are:

Senate Bills 171, 181, 182, 138, 175, 170, 140, 107, 86, 115, 51, 64, 62.

Senate Memorials 5 and 12.

S. C. R. S. House Bills 25, 36, 67, 66.

BRUNO'S CASE MAY END FRIDAY, SAYS

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state's case against Hauptmann as the builder of the ladder, the kidnaper and the collector of the \$50,000 ransom.

Defense lawyers Nathan H. Karpis and Dr. Hudson testified that when he examined the ladder in March, 1932, he noticed only one, and not the four nail holes which now appear on the upright.

The defense scored another point when it revealed that a beer stein which had stood in a recess of the window sill of the Lindbergh nursery at the time of the kidnapping was apparently not disturbed by the person who, the state says, went in and out the window.

Four witnesses had been introduced by the defense in an effort to show Fisch was affluent after the ransom money was paid April 2, 1932, and that he tried to "unload" his money.

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