

CONDEMNATION OF STRUCTURE COUNCIL ISSUE

Merits Debated, Tenant is
Allowed Occupancy Till
May 1, is Upshot

Rebonding, Incineration of
Antedated Ordinances
Occupy Aldermen

Brows wrinkled and insinuations
flew thickly at last night's city
council session over the condem-
nation by Building Inspector
Bushnell of an old building at 311
North Commercial street. But en-
suing soothing remarks calmed
the situation, the aldermen re-
sented and H. Steinbock received
permission to conduct his second
hand business there until May 1,
when his lease expires.

Aside from disputing over the
condemnation the council started
six antiquated ordinances dating
back to 1891 toward oblivion and
voted a \$130,000 bond issue to
refund a like amount of improve-
ment bonds at lower interest
rates.

Alderman H. H. Vandevort
perpetrated the Steinbock argu-
ment by claiming there was "dirty
work in the complaint made
against the building." He insinuated
a competitor of Steinbock's
complained about the building
when he moved to a new, nearby
location, and condemned Bushnell
for thereafter condemning the
structure.

**Question Action to
Condemn at Present**
"We elect officers and should
back them up," retorted Alderman
W. D. Elyans, and Alderman
Cuyler Van Patten likewise called
for support of the inspector.

But Vandevort and Alderman
Walter Fuhrer proceeded to grill
Bushnell, Fuhrer asking, "Why
the sudden action in condemn-
ing?"

Van Patten pointed out it was
not customary to condemn a
building while it was occupied un-
less its condition seriously menaced
citizens visiting the place.

"I looked through the building
myself," it's one of the biggest
fire traps in Salem," declared Al-
derman E. B. Perrine.

Bushnell did his duty as he saw
it," defended Alderman Fred A.
Williams.

After Steinbock's attorney had
explained his client's wishes, the
council granted him the right to
do business at the place in ques-
tion until May 1 on condition the
condemnation notice be left tacked
on the door to protect the city
in case of disaster. The attorney,
Allan G. Carson, said he under-
stood that after May 1 the struc-
ture would be razed and probably
replaced with a new building.

**Take Advantage of
Rebonding Privilege**
Salem a result of the coun-
cil's bond action is the first city
in the state to take advantage of
a law but a few days old, passed
by the legislature last week. The
bond issue, for which bids will be
received April 1, will refund 355
6 per cent Bancroft bonds of se-
ries 2R, 2U and 2V issued in 1927,
1928 and 1929, respectively. The
new bonds will bear not more than
5 per cent interest and be retired
serially over a 10-year period. An
additional \$47,227 worth of old
bonds will be redeemed with sink-
ing fund moneys.

Vandevort loosed another tirade
over the claim for costs by
William Backe and witnesses in
his drunken driving trials in mun-
icipal and circuit court. Although
Backe was cleared of the charge
by a circuit court jury, Vandevort
objected strenuously to the
city's plaintiff paying the
court costs. The matter was refer-
red to the police committee with
one to act.

One of the six ordinances started
toward repeal, that requiring
bathing suits to be neck-to-knee
length, greatly amused the gal-
lery. It was enacted in 1898. The
oldest was one regulating the lo-
cations of laundries, passed in
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**ENJOYS 10TH BIRTHDAY
PRESCOTT, ARIZ.** March 18—
While his guests dined and
danced, Edward McGinley, who
has always been a good "cussar,"
looked back on 107 years of life
tonight and predicted he still had
a few more to live.

**Pile of Bills Still Faces
Martin; Deadline Tonight**
With midnight the final time
for signing, rejecting or passing,
without signature, all legislative
enactments of the 38th session,
Governor Martin faces a busy
schedule today cleaning up his
bills before leaving Salem for a
brief vacation following the in-
tensive work since inauguration.
Reports from officials close to
the governor, indicate that Sen-
ate Bill 49, the public utility
district measure passed by the
senate in lieu of the Ickes' grange
bill, would probably be vetoed.
Opponents of the bill say it will
hamper the state's request for
federal power lines in Oregon.
Governor Martin was urged
strongly yesterday not to approve
Senate Bills 178 and 179 which
would permit circuit courts to set
upset prices on foreclosure actions
brought in the state. Counsel for
opposing sides to Senate Bill 297
also appear before the governor
yesterday, one group asking him
to sign and one to veto the bill.
The measure attempts to prohibit
auto manufacturers from requir-
ing dealers to use their own fi-
nance companies to the exclusion
of any other credit concerns.
It was considered unlikely yes-

**GHOST WILL WALK
FOR STATE STAFF**
The "ghost" will walk for hun-
dreds of statehouse workers this
week with the signing of appropria-
tion bills by the governor's of-
fice. Pay for January was re-
ceived by the employees by the giv-
ing of assignments to the state
treasurer.
However, February payroll as-
signments were not given and as
a result the first-of-the-month
payroll in March was not met.
Technically no state worker, de-
pending on an appropriation for
his or salary, is eligible to receive
pay at the turn of the biennium
until the legislature appropriates
the money.
Self-sustaining departments,
dependent on fees, are not com-
pelled to hold up their payrolls
since they have funds on hand re-
spective of legislative appropri-
ations.

Relief Investigation Committee Selected to Start Work Today

Verne Dusenbery, Grace Phelps and McCor-
nack Named by Governor; Thorough
Delving Into Activities Promised

A SPECIAL committee of three, charged with a thorough
investigation of public relief in Oregon, was named late
yesterday by Governor Charles H. Martin. Verne Dusenbery,
Portland, will be chairman; Grace Phelps, Portland, and
Senator E. A. McCornack, Eugene, will be the other members.
"These persons were drafted by me to serve on this
committee with the understanding
that I desired the committee to
investigate and to report to me
fully all charges made in refer-
ence to the administration of pub-
lic relief in this state," the gov-
ernor declared.

SECURITY MEASURE WORRIES LEADERS

Some Solons Suggest Plan
To Enact Pension First
Delaying Remainder

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—
With the \$4,880,000,000 work
relief bill apparently near passage,
the administration tonight was
shaping strategy to get the social
security measure and other long
delayed proposals through con-
gress.

Some house democrats have
suggested a plan to scrap all the
security bills for this session save
the old age pension plan, but the
word from the president during
the day was that he favored keep-
ing the present measure virtually intact.

Secretary Perkins also said it
would be "unfortunate if the
measure were broken up but nev-
ertheless a caucus of house dem-
ocrats probably will be held to de-
termine sentiment.

Some democrats feel that oppo-
sition to the unemployment in-
surance phase of the security pro-
gram might delay the enactment
of old age pension legislation.

The proposal by Senator Adams
(D-Cal.) to slash \$2,000,000,000
from the work relief bill was de-
bated in the senate today but the
administration appeared confi-
dent, so much so in fact that Sen-
ator Robinson, of Arkansas, the
democratic leader, predicted pas-
sage of the bill this week.

On the eve of house considera-
tion of the bill, congress was
warned that the president prob-
ably would veto either the Patman
or Vinson bills.

The former would call for pay-
ment of the bonus through an is-
sue of new currency; the latter
calls simply for payment.

This renewed effort to win sup-
porters for a compromise plan un-
der which the soldiers would re-
ceive interest bearing bonds in-
stead of cash.

**Idaho Goes Wet;
Control Bill is
Signed by Ross**

BOISE, Idaho, March 18.—(AP)—
With a stroke of the pen Governor
Ross ended legal prohibition in
Idaho at 3:35 o'clock this after-
noon when he signed the state-
owned package goods liquor stores
bill.

He did not name the personnel
of the three-man commission
which is to administer the act that
became law as soon as he signed
the bill. He will do so within a
few days, he said.

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AX FALLS UPON BILL TO WAIVE TAX INTEREST

Unfair to Many Who Paid
Up 1931-32 Levies, Mar-
tin Says in Message

Measure Backed by Large
Owners With Money to
Pay, He Declares

A governor's veto late yester-
day struck to earth high hopes of
delinquent taxpayers that interest
would be waived on all 1931 and
1932 delinquencies with a five-
year extension granted the prop-
erty owners for the payment of
these levies.

In vetoing Senate Bill 153,
which went through both houses
after sharp debate, the governor
said: "The effect of this measure
would be to penalize, for their
promptness and sacrifice, all peo-
ple who have now paid 78 per
cent of the 1931 and 1932 taxes
levied in this state. It would re-
ward the 22 per cent who have
failed or have neglected to pay
their taxes. An immediate and
direct effect would be to betray
the confidence of some 13,000
taxpayers who paid \$80,000,000
of back taxes, together with \$105-
000 of accrued interest, into the
county treasuries while the bill
was pending in the legislature.

Governor Martin explained in
his veto message that the waiver
of interest and penalty in the
1933 legislature, was an emergen-
cy measure designed solely to en-
courage people to pay their taxes
while providing an easy plan for
the liquidation of delinquent
taxes accumulated from 1926 to
1930.

**Sought Mostly By
Extensive Owners**
"To approve Senate Bill 153
is tantamount to a declaration
that the act of 1933 is no longer
considered an emergency measure,
but a part of the legislative policy
of the state," the governor de-
clared. "Such a step would be
exceedingly unwise and would
tend ultimately to undermine the
entire tax structure and financial
stability of our state."

The governor also pointed out
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OHIO LEGISLATORS TO PROBE RELIEF

Hopkins Sends Affidavits
To Columbus; Libel is
Charged by Davey

COLUMBUS, O., March 18.—(AP)—
The Ohio senate responded
quickly tonight to a demand from
Governor Martin L. Davey for a
"thorough investigation of relief
administration" in the state fol-
lowing a day of swift develop-
ments in his bitter controversy
with Federal Relief Administrator
Harry L. Hopkins.

The governor, who earlier in
the day had filed a criminal libel
action against Hopkins as a re-
sult of the latter's charges of
"corruption" in the Ohio relief
administration, went before the
legislature in joint session with a
new attack on the federal relief
head and a demand for the in-
quiry.

By a 29 to 6 vote, the senate
adopted a resolution for an in-
quiry by a committee of five mem-
bers of the senate and five of the
house. The house has yet to act
upon it.

Characterizing Hopkins' charges
made at the time he took over
relief in the state last Saturday as
"cowardly and nefarious," Govern-
or Davey declared a "wave of
popular indignation" would arise
against the relief administrator if
he is tried on the libel charges.

Hopkins had declared in a letter
he possessed affidavits showing
"corruption" in the relief admin-
istration in Ohio and today an-
nounced in Washington that he
has sent the affidavits to the Ohio
attorney general and prosecuting
attorneys of two counties.

The democratic governor ob-
tained a warrant at Newark, O.,
charging Hopkins with criminal li-
bel and challenged him to come to
Ohio. The offense is not extradi-
table. Department of justice attor-
neys said in Washington they were
ready to defend the relief ad-
ministrator.

**HOWARD HOBSON IS
ASPIRANT FOR JOB**
DENVER, March 18.—(AP)—
Coach Howard Hobson, whose
Southern Oregon Normal team
easily barged into the third round
of the National A. A. U. basket-
ball tournament here today, an-
nounced tonight he had made ap-
plication by telegram for the job
of basketball and baseball coach
at the University of Oregon.
The post was thrown open to-
day with announcement that Wil-
helm Inval, Westport basketball
and baseball mentor for the past
11 years, had been appointed to
the coaching staff of George
Washington university.

After his arrival in Denver,
Hobson was notified by telegram
that friends in Oregon had start-
ed a campaign in his behalf.

Hobson was graduated from
Oregon in 1926 after a brilliant
athletic career there. He has been
head coach in all sports at the
Southern Oregon Normal at Ash-
land for three years.

The Southern Oregon team
drew a bye in the first round of
the national tournament and today
trounced the Tulsa, Okla., Tira-
men 43 to 14.

World News at a Glance

(By The Associated Press)

DOMESTIC:
COLUMBUS, O.—Governor
Martin L. Davey files criminal li-
bel action against Federal Relief
Administrator Harry L. Hopkins
for alleging "corruption" in Ohio
relief administration.

WASHINGTON—Conservatives
senior, presents appeal from con-
viction of felony before U. S. cir-
cuit court of appeals Tuesday.

WASHINGTON—Senate judi-
ciary committee reports favorably
revised 30-hour work bill; would
allow flexible hours, make
short week mandatory on all ex-
cept agriculture.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Floods
menace six northeast Arkansas
towns; 2,700 Missouri refugees
return home as waters recede.

WASHINGTON—Indictment
charged Rep. John J. Hoepfel,
California democrat, and son,
with conspiracy and soliciting \$1-
000 for appointment to West
Point academy.

KANSAS CITY—William Lan-
ger, deposed North Dakota gov-
ernor, presents appeal from con-
viction of felony before U. S. cir-
cuit court of appeals Tuesday.

WASHINGTON—Donald R.
Richberg urges progressives to at-
tack "The Old Guard" and "The
Destroyers;" observers infer rape
at Huey Long, Father Coughlin,
Hugh S. Johnson.

WASHINGTON—Congress re-
publicans see new hope for party
in midwest conference to plan
presidential campaign.

Foreign:
Europe's war strength 17,000-
000 men, costs three billion an-
nually, survey shows.

PARIS—France, possibly Italy,
plan to join British protest to Ger-
many's projected conscript army
of 500,000.

BERLIN—Germany says she
still is willing to discuss Euro-
pean security. "German arms fac-
tories are working virtually on a
war footing," propaganda minis-
ter says.

CHAMPION HOOPERS TO BEGIN ARRIVING

The Dalles Quint Expected
To Be First; Workouts
Scheduled Today

By train, bus and private cars
the best prep basketball teams
in Oregon will begin arriving in
Salem today as the topic of
thoughts and conversations be-
comes the 16th state basketball
tournament which opens to-
morrow night and starts at the
University gymnasium.

The Dalles is expected to be the
first team to arrive and has al-
ready arranged to work out on
the Willamette floor today at 3
o'clock.

Other teams which will install
themselves in local hotels today
and tonight for a rest before the
tournament grid starts are Um-
plane, La Grande, Ashland, Klam-
ath Falls, Marshfield, The Dalles,
Oakridge and Gardiner.

All other teams are within easy
driving distance of Salem and will
show up early Wednesday morn-
ing. Salem high worked out on
the Willamette floor yesterday.

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RIVER AND HARBOR WORK IS FAVORED

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—
The house rivers and harbors
committee approved today 211
waterway projects in all parts of
the country and recommended
army engineers survey possible
projects in several hundred other
localities.

In a supplemental report ac-
companying the bill, the commit-
tee listed costs including the fol-
lowing:

Columbia and lower Willamette
river below Portland, Oregon,
and Vancouver, Wash., Umpqua
river, Oregon, \$700,000.

Lower Willamette river, \$100-
000; at St. Helens, Ore., \$40-
000; Vancouver channel, \$140-
000; Youngs bay and Youngs riv-
er, Ore., \$5,000; Columbia and
Snake rivers, Ore., Wash., and
Idaho, \$400,000; Snake river,
Ore., Wash., and Ida., \$7,500.

The bill also recommended the
army engineers make surveys in
the following localities:

Alsea bay, Oregon; Yamhill
river at LaSayette, Oregon; Col-
umbia river, Oregon and Wash-
ington, from Tongue Point to the
sea; Seaside harbor, Oregon; Col-
umbia river, at and near Has-
mond, Oregon; Willamette river,
Oregon, from Eugene to Spring-
field; Sandy river, near Troutdale,
Oregon; Trask river, Oregon; Mi-
ami river, Oregon; Kichius river,
Oregon; Wilson river, Oregon; De
Poe bay, Oregon.

**RAILROAD LOSES OUT
WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—**
The Oregon-Washington Railroad
and Navigation company lost to-
day in the supreme court in an
effort to collect and additional
\$10,000 from Strauss and Com-
pany, Inc., of Adams, Ore., on
wheat shipped to Portland.

MERRIAM FATE TO BE DECIDED IN VOTE TODAY

Recall on Basis of Stand
Against Townsend Plan
Has All Lane Agog

Legislator Denies Promise
To Support Plan; Will
Need Many Friends

EUGENE, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—
Lane county voters go to the polls
Tuesday, March 19, to decide the
fate of Representative Howard S.
Merriam, facing recall proceed-
ings instituted against him by
Lane county Townsend clubs un-
der the direction of Charles L.
Paine, district organizer. Polls in
the county will be open from 8
a. m. to 8 p. m. and results are
expected to be known around 9
o'clock.

The recall election has stirred
many citizens to the fever point
and an intensive, though quiet,
campaign has been waged by both
sides. Merriam, having served
through the last assembly, has
completed the work for which he
was elected barring a special ses-
sion.

Members of the Townsend
clubs in their campaign to recall
the Lane legislator, claim Mer-
riam violated oral and written
promises when he voted against
the minority report on the Town-
send memorial in the house and
favored the majority report. They
protest his vote against the Town-
send memorial in committee,
claiming it was his vote which re-
sulted in the adverse report to the
house.

In rebuttal, Merriam declared
he had never made any promise
to support the Townsend plan or
any other particular pension plan,
saying merely he favored the prin-
ciple of old-age pensions. He sig-
ned an affidavit to this effect to-
day.

A total of 22,000 voters are
eligible to cast their ballots Tues-
day, that being the present regis-
tration in Lane county, according
to County Clerk W. B. Dillard.
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INCREASED LUMBER QUOTAS PERMITTED

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—
A 4.5 per cent increase in lumber
quotas for the second quarter of
1935 over production allowances
for the first three months this
year was announced today by the
national control committee of the
lumber industry.

The allowable was fixed at 4-
489,900,000 feet, compared with
4,299,000,000 feet of softwood and
698,900,000 feet of hardwoods.

Expected consumption was es-
timated at 4,558,000,000 feet. The
quotas, it was announced, con-
template a reduction of stocks on
hand at the mills in some divi-
sions of the industry, and an in-
crease in others to the end that
total stocks on hand may pre-
sent a balanced national inventory
calculated to take care of expect-
ed demand. Quotas for the vari-
ous divisions of the industry for
the second quarter (in millions of
board feet) include:

Western pine, 1,237.9; West
Coast, 1,184.6; Tillamook burn,
45; western pine, 907.7; red-
wood, 103.5; cypress, 60; north-
ern pine, 35; north hemlock,
79.5; Menominee bl. 1.5; north-
eastern, 92.6; Appalachian, 27;
suisun redwood, 17; total soft-
wood, 3,791.3.

Three Tankers Remain Tied Up Due to Strike

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—
(AP)—Three oil tankers remained
tied up here today as several oil
companies and the International
Seafarers Union remain at odds
over recognition of the union.

Agreement between three other
steamship lines originally affected
by the recently called strike was
reached in New York Saturday.

C. E. Carter, business manager
for the Seafarers union, said
no agreement had been reached
yet between the seamen and offi-
cials of the Union Sulphur com-
pany.

LONG AID ARRANGED NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—(AP)

Joe Messina, chief bodyguard of
Senator Huey P. Long, was ar-
rested in criminal district court
today on a charge of assaulting
Leon M. Trice, an Associated
Press news photographer, with in-
tent to kill. He pleaded not guilty.

County Buys Two Blocks in North Salem for Shops

Completion of negotiations for
two blocks of land in North Sa-
lem for the location of the new
county road machine shops was
announced late yesterday by mem-
bers of the county court.

It was also announced that
plans for the new county build-
ings had been approved and that
construction would begin as soon
as arrangements could be com-
pleted with the city for a change
in the zoning ordinance to permit
the erection of the new struc-
tures.

The land bargained for by the
county court consists of blocks 27
and 30 between Myrtle and Wal-
nut and Locust and Hickory
streets. The county's purchase
will include alleys and streets
which have been vacated. While
the price of the land was not an-
nounced, it was said to be less
than the court would have been
required to pay for acreage out-
side of the city.

The court estimates the cost of
the new shops at \$13,500, most of
which will come from BERA le-
bor the government is to furnish.

Germany Still Willing to Talk Anglo-French Peace Plan, Assurance

Lifer in Prison
Here Purchases
\$250 Baby Bonds

While there's life there's hope,
is the apparent belief of John A.
Pender of Portland, who is serv-
ing a life term in the state peni-
tentiary.

Pender yesterday had Joe S.
Murray, accountant for the pris-
on, purchase in his name \$250
worth of the new "baby bonds."
Pender had wanted an even \$200
worth, but the nearest the post-
al employee could figure out
was \$187.50 present value. These
bonds will in ten years be worth
\$250.

OILING PROGRAM TO BE LAUNCHED SOON

30 Miles of Improvement
On Program; Petitions
Ask For Much More

An oiling program for Marion
county's roads, the first to be un-
dertaken here, will be begun as
soon as weather permits and an
organization of experienced oiling
men can be perfected, members of
the county court said here yester-
day.

Roy Nelson, county commis-
sioner, said yesterday he was
hopeful that a few more weeks
would see the oil project under-
way.

The court's plans tentatively
call for oiling 30 miles of roads
this summer at an estimated cost
of \$100,000.

"We will locate this road oil-
ing work to those sections of the
county where the most meritori-
ous roads for oiling can be
found," Nelson commented. "We
are getting many petitions for oil-
ing work, of course, but it will be
impossible with the limited funds
at our disposal to handle all of
these applications for work."

Nelson said the county would
work closely with the state high-
way department getting the bene-
fit of the experience of its de-
partment chiefs in the prepara-
tion of roads for oiling.

"Many people think oiling is
only a matter of sprinkling oil
along a road like one would sprin-
kle water. Instead it means the
resurfacing of the road, with con-
siderable work in the grading and
grading of the surface of the road
required," Nelson added.

TARIFF ON LUMBER TOPIC AT HEARING

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—
Backed by their congressional
members, representatives of the
West Coast lumber industry to-
day voiced approval of the general
principles of reciprocity trade
agreement but urged that in con-
sidering the proposed agreement
with Canada the United States re-
tain its present protection.

At the hearing before the reci-
procity trade committee, lumber-
men argued that the present pro-
tection of \$3 excise tax on im-
ported lumber and the low tariff
should not be changed, on the
ground that it already was much
lower than tariff duties applied
by the Canadian government to
lumber products from this coun-
try.

The general proposal, as voiced
by Dr. Wilson Compton, man-
ager of the National Lumber Manu-
facturers' association, was that non-
competitive products should be
admitted to each country either
free or at equal rates while on
competitive items there should be
protection.

Former Senator C. C. Dill, rep-
resenting the West Coast Lumber-
men's association and the Wash-