

Denuded Lands To Pay Again

State Ready to Put big Burned, Logged Areas Back in Service

The taxpayer, who hasn't received much encouragement the past few years, is going to receive some good news wrapped up in the administration's long-term plan to produce revenue from Oregon's vast burned-over and cut-over lands.

Logging operators, after their land has been logged or burned, have quit paying taxes, shifting the tax burden to other taxpayers. But this won't last much longer, as the state is ready to start putting these lands back into production.

Under a recent legislative act which will become law in two months, the forestry board may take over these lands from the counties. The lands will become public parks and the state may rent them or lease them for grazing purposes.

Ninety per cent of the net revenues will go back to the counties, the state keeping 10 per cent for forestry development. Revenues will be derived from sale of timber, grazing fees or sale of minerals.

Future Generations to Profit Governor Sprague believes this law is one of the most important to have passed in many years because of its importance to future generations. It will help schools because the hard-pressed timber counties will get more revenue, while the taxpayer will, in a few years, begin to get some relief.

Counties own 2,000,000 acres of tax-reverted lands which, when they went off the tax rolls, had an assessed valuation of \$13,000,000. This is quite a chunk of revenue to take from the counties but the counties also have \$24,000,000 in delinquent taxes on other lands which they may have to take over soon.

Coastal Counties Affected The western Oregon timber counties of Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln and Tillamook, having almost half of the land that has gone off the tax rolls and into county ownership, are hard-pressed.

Of Oregon's 61,000,000 acres, only 42.4 per cent is subject to taxation. The federal government owns 52.2 per cent, the state 2.4 per cent and the one valuable tax-reverted lands account for three per cent.

About half the 2,000,000 acres of tax-reverted lands is denuded forest lands on which most of the revenue may be restored after the state inaugurates its long-range sustained yield forestry program. Much of the remainder is abandoned grazing land that never will produce much revenue unless it begins to rain in eastern Oregon.

Bribery Charged To Commissioner

SPOKANE, April 17.—(AP)—County Commissioner W. Pat Rooney was indicted today on eight counts of accepting bribes.

Rooney, chairman of the commission, became the second member of last year's county commission to be indicted by the grand jury, which has been in session since March 9. Former Commissioner Lee Thomas, whose term expired Jan. 9, was indicted last week on two charges of soliciting bribes from machinery salesmen.

Free tonight on \$3,000 bond, Rooney asserted his innocence and declared "They haven't got a thing on me. I can prove conclusively that I have been honest in all of my public life."

Bishop Is Named For Kansas City

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—The most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, bishop of Great Falls, Mont., has been named by the holy see to be bishop of Kansas City, Mo., succeeding the late Bishop Thomas F. Lillis, who died last December.

Bishop O'Hara, who was named second bishop of the diocese of Great Falls in 1935, is widely known for his activities in the fields of social and rural economics.

As a priest in Portland, Ore., he assisted in 1913 in the drafting of Oregon's minimum wage law and later served as chairman of the Oregon industrial welfare commission.

Spring Tornado Kills Seven



A severe spring tornado slashed across a wide section of northwest Oklahoma killing seven and injuring 33 or more. Most of the victims were killed in farming areas although three towns: Vici, Hopson and Capron were in its path. In Capron nearly every building was leveled. Grocery stores are shown digging through the ruins of what was a large grocery store in Capron.—AP Telegram.

Europe Tense as Roosevelt Offers Peace Plan



As President Roosevelt appealed to Hitler and Mussolini for at least 10 years of peace, European nations were aligned in this manner with a new Polish-Rumanian mutual assistance bloc growing out of the already existing anti-aggression alliance. Great Britain was striving to obtain a Russian agreement to send soviet planes, tanks and guns to Poland and Rumania in event of invasion by Germany and moved to send reinforcements to Gibraltar after reported Italian troop concentration in Spanish Morocco. France bolstered her Spanish border. Rumors were that nazis might present Danzig to Hitler on his 50th birthday.—AP Telegram.

Strecker Escapes Deportation Move

High Court Ruling Says Being ex-Communist not Cause Enough

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—In a 6 to 2 decision of far-reaching implications, the supreme court ruled today an alien could not be deported solely because he once held membership in the communist party.

The opinion, delivered by Associate Justice Roberts, upheld a ruling by the fifth circuit court of appeals in the case of Joseph G. Strecker, an Austrian-born restaurateur of Hot Springs, Ark.

Its immediate effect was to order Strecker released from custody, but by wiping out a construction of the deportation statute followed by the labor department for many years, the ruling will affect many other cases.

One may be that of Harry Bridges, Australian-born leader of the CIO on the Pacific coast—a case which has stirred controversy in congress and figured in the recent unsuccessful effort by Representative Thomas (R, N.J.) to secure house adoption of a resolution for impeachment of Secretary of Labor Perkins.

In addition to that in the Strecker case, the court's important rulings today included:

A decision upholding the constitutionality of those sections of the agriculture adjustment act providing for control over the marketing of principal farm crops and penalty taxes on farmers who sell more than their allotted quotas.

A decision that the national labor relations board has jurisdiction over a purely local manufacturer processing, under contract, goods of a firm dealing in interstate commerce.

Before handing down its decisions, the court received William O. Douglas, former chairman of the securities commission, who was appointed by President Roosevelt to succeed the retired justice, Louis D. Brandeis.

Cross Estate Is Set at \$168,508

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today, estate of the late Cyrus Clouser was listed as worth \$168,508, including \$6125.94 in cash, \$3500 in real property and \$4840 in United States treasury bonds. Appraisers were John C. Nielsen, Oscar D. Noren and Jessie M. Elson. The executor, B. J. Teel, was authorized by the probate court to sell securities, farm equipment and grains.

Bissel Is Officer For Distributors

EUGENE, April 17.—(AP)—Oregon retail distributors, back in school at the University of Oregon for their annual institute, re-elected Eric M. Stanford, Portland, as president and re-elected most other officers, including Edward W. Bissel, Salem, second vice-president.

Joe Kayoes Roper In First Stanza

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Roper slumped over forward to the canvas again and had to be dragged to his stool.

Louis and Roper walked slowly from their corners at the opening bell. Fully 20 seconds passed with neither offering a threat. Roper jabbed first, a weak blow that touched Louis' chin lightly. Joe stepped back, jabbed, and Roper moved in, pushing the champion toward the ropes. Louis countered with a hard left hook, and as they banged away in close quarters, Roper suddenly backed up a step and let fly three lefts that smashed over the side of Louis' head.

Louis closed in with a furious assault, and as they parted Roper's eye was about to spurt blood. Again, however, old Jack moved into the range of Joe's fists, and as his corner yelled for him to keep away, he wrestled Louis toward the Roper corner.

Louis, a snarling killer by this time, unleashed the knockout attack. Four rights and as many terrific left hooks landed on Roper's head, and a final right smash to the jaw sent him reeling downward. A left caught him flush on the chin before he could hit the floor.

Later in his dressing room Louis paid tribute to Roper's gameness and declared belief he would have less trouble with Tony Galento, his next foe.

"I know'd I had two hands and Roper had one," Louis said, "so I felt like I'd get him all right. I know'd I was hit when he caught me with that left. That's more than Max Schmeling and John Henry Lewis done."

PGE Promise of Aid Is Received

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when it includes "adjacent" territory (as was stated in the request for a survey by Bonneville engineers) in such a survey and evaluation.

Following on the heels of PGE's communication were two resolutions, introduced by Alderman S. B. Laughlin and referred by the council to the ways and means and public utilities committees. They provide:

1. For application for a WPA grant of \$21,536, for the survey and preparation of a coordinated system of records of public utilities properties of the city, and authorizing L. M. Sweet as the direct representative of the city in making the survey.

2. Authorizing employment of L. M. Sweet, a utilities consultant who resides in Salem, to make preparations and secure records of the evaluation of power and light utilities in Salem, and specifying his salary at \$200 per month.

Search of Waters Due For Kirkpatrick Plane

CORDOVA, Alaska, April 17.—(AP)—Authorities directing search for the Airways Incorporated plane in which Pilot M. D. Kirkpatrick and a passenger apparently crashed near Observation Island asked aid of the coast guard today in dragging waters near where pieces of wreckage were found.

Council Students See Wheels Turn

Salem School Class Gets Real Lesson at Busy Alderman Session

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so by the League of Oregon Cities codification project, which he heads.

5. "A" street, from North Commercial to Belmont, changed to Liberty street, and the city engineer authorized to erect the proper signs to so designate.

6. A petition from residents along Pringle creek, who asked for an elimination of the slilt that allegedly pollutes and discolors the water, referred to the health and sanitation committee.

7. A petition for a sanitary sewer in lot one of Rosedale annex referred to the sewer committee.

8. Alderwoman G. F. Lobdell's resolution, authorizing the purchase of business cards for city officers and members of the council, carry by a 9 to 5 vote.

9. Bids for a new city street flusher opened, read and referred to the streets committee for a recommendation.

10. A resolution favoring the Townsend plan for national recovery, introduced by Alderman C. F. French by request, referred to the ordinance committee.

11. A petition, asking for the condemnation of a group of old buildings in the 800 block North Liberty street, referred to the city building inspector.

12. Alderman Loose's motion, that the city recorder be instructed to obtain prices on 50 or 75 chairs for the council chamber, carry unanimously.

13. Alderwoman G. F. Lobdell's request for a two month's leave of absence given unanimous acquiescence.

10-Mile Curbing Project Underway

WPA workers yesterday started pouring the first 10 miles of curbing to be laid in West Salem in connection with the citywide street paving project begun last week. All streets in the community now unsurfaced will be paved with bituminous material under present project plans.

Brings odd Bird



Mrs. Phil Plant That's a Victoria crowned pigeon being held by Mrs. Phil Plant, one of the souvenirs she and Plant have brought back to Waterford, Conn., from their honeymoon safari through Kenya colony in East Africa. Mrs. Plant was Marjorie King of screen and stage fame before her marriage.

Judge Spurns Marsh's Plea

Present Grand Jury Is Oke to Investigate "Shortage," Says

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facts grand jury and that's enough for me," Judge McMahon replied. The present grand jurors have been serving since last October. Shortly after the state division of audits first reported a \$23,000 discrepancy in the treasurer's records, S. W. Starr, chief of the division, appeared before the grand jury. Marsh's appointment as assistant attorney general to carry on the investigation followed the division's release of a supplementary, detailed audit of the treasurer's office in January. Since that time a \$23,520.41 item listed as "Treasurer's over and short account" has appeared as an asset in the office's monthly balance statements.

Capture Ends Run Of Gunmen, Girls

Shooting Career Through Oregon Broken up by Police at Boise

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dent with a car resembling the one sought by police of Oregon and Idaho. That sent state, county and city officers on an intensive search of tourist camps, hotels, lodging houses and garages.

In late afternoon state patrolman H. A. Carter saw a large, maroon sedan at the tourist camp alongside the old Oregon Trail. Officers were mobilized and the arrests quickly followed. Sheriff Don Headrick said subsequent investigation disclosed the early tip was false.

Prosecuting Attorney Kenneth O'Leary said he did not know whether the men would be released to federal or to Oregon state officials.

O'Leary said he believed Bailey was the leader of the group. An ex-convict from the Salem, Ore., state penitentiary, Bailey had served a sentence for receiving stolen property, Sheriff Headrick said.

Butler had a bullet wound in the left arm. It was dressed by a Boise physician who said there was a "bad fracture of the humerus."

Wagner Overhaul Senators' Demand

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—The senate labor committee heard three members of congress demand an overhauling of the Wagner labor relations act today.

The three—Senators Burke (D-Neb.) and Holman (R-Ore.) and Representative Hoffman (R-Mich.)—all contended that the law had brought industrial strife and bitterness and needed drastic amendment to make it a workable piece of legislation.

Holman suggested an amendment to separate the board's investigating and prosecuting activities from its quasi-judicial functions.

He contended it was practically impossible for the board "to accuse a person of wrong and then put on the judicial robe and administer justice."

"The perfectly natural human inclination is to stick to one original position regardless of the evidence," he added.

Lindbergh Comes Home Again



Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, returning to the United States for his first visit to his homeland in more than a year, is shown as he walked through the customs shed in New York following his arrival on the liner Aquitania. Police escorted him from the ship.

Northern Lights Are Viewed Here

Bright Glow Visible all Over State; Radiomen Report Disturbance

PORTLAND, April 17.—(AP)—From Portland to Grants Pass, Oregon residents goggled at seldom seen northern lights Sunday night.

In Grants Pass, the constant red glow on the horizon excited fears of a forest fire. At Eugene, J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon astronomer, said the display would have been the most brilliant ever seen if low-hanging clouds had not hampered vision somewhat.

Portland residents thronged the heights and outlying districts for a glimpse of the phenomenon, unhindered by city lights.

Pruett said he believed sun spots were responsible for the pink and white rays.

The red glow and vertical white shafts of the northern lights were clearly discernible in sections in and around Salem where observers were away from city lights. Last previous display reported here was that of the night of July 30 last year.

Amateur radio operators reported short wave signals were violently affected by the display. Light from the display at 12:10 a. m. made the aluminum-painted dome of the B. L. Bradley astronomical observatory glow as though illuminated by a nearly full moon, Salem's amateur astronomer reported.

State Home Loans Are Rapidly Being Repaid

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—March collections were the best on record, the Home Owners Loan corporation said today. The total amounted to 103.6 per cent of the payments due that month.

Oregon collections were 110 per cent of billings.

Total Oregon principal repayments were \$4,681,296 and 695 borrowers have repaid their loans in full, totaling \$972,695.

Council Ban Set, Sunday Car Sale

Earlier Vote Reversed as Auto Firms Press for Measure's Passage

Amidst the pressure of the more than 50 automobile firm representatives who packed the chamber, the city council by a 10 to 4 vote last night reversed its decision of two weeks ago anent the closing of automobile sales rooms and lots in Salem on Sundays.

Brought back for reconsideration by Alderman Willis Clark, who two weeks before had voiced a vigorous "no," the ordinance carried over vehement protests by Aldermen Frank Marshall and Glenn Gregg. Providing the mayor does not bring his veto power into play, all motor vehicle sales rooms and lots will close on Sundays, or be subject to fine. The ordinance did not carry the customary emergency clause, and unless further action is taken will not go into effect until 90 days after the mayor's signature.

Speaking in behalf of 13 automobile dealers and 53 salesmen, from whom he bore petitions asking for the passage of the ordinance, William L. Phillips, manager of the Valley Motor Co., told the council that the industry had repeatedly attempted its own regulation but had failed because of lack of means of enforcement.

An owner of a small used car lot, speaking before the ordinance was submitted for final reading, told the council he would sell cars on Sunday regardless, as it was the only means he had of making a living, and that he would probably be the first one to be prosecuted if the bill became law.

Voting for the ordinance were: Aldermen Brown, Clark, Davidson, French, Laughlin, Lear, Loose, O'Hara, Perrine and Alderwoman G. F. Lobdell, of whom Clark, Loose and Perrine voted against it two weeks previously.

Voting no were: Aldermen Goodman, Gregg, Marshall and Nicholson.

Governor Pleads For Cricket Aid

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to reach the agency headquarters in the southeast section of the Warm Springs Indian reservation early this week.

An appeal for government help to check the invasion before it could damage crops was made by Dr. F. B. Freeland, whose hot springs sanitarium was overrun by the creatures.

The black swarms first appeared on the Indian reservation last spring. They resemble grasshoppers except that they have no wings.

Powdered calcium arsenate has been used to combat the insect swarms in Idaho, where they have appeared in the past.

Rosser Attorneys Make new Effort

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gments would be held late next month.

The high court ruled Rosser's appeal be dismissed on grounds the appeal was not perfected within the required time, but the court later reversed itself and allowed the appeal.

Rosser's attorneys are George F. Vandever of Seattle, and Charles W. Robison, Leland B. Shaw, George Mowry and John Mowry, all of Portland.

IT'S GOOD TO LET UP. LIGHT UP A CAMEL

WITH THAT CAMEL YOU COULD POSE FOR A PICTURE OF HAPPY SMOKING

FOR SMOKING PLEASURE AT ITS BEST

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