

Old Man Oregon Takes Half Million in Inheritance, Gift Taxes

Greater Sums Paid In Past

\$98,969 is Produced By Gift Levy; Marion 2nd High County

Oregon's government shared generously in distribution of inheritances and gifts during 1939. If you don't believe it, here's the official statement of State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson:

The state's general fund was credited with \$436,732.70 last year from inheritances, by way of taxes.

The state also by way of taxes credited itself with another \$98,969.70 in 1939 from gifts made by private citizens to other private citizens, relatives or otherwise.

Other Years Greater

But large as these tax collections may seem, they are not the greatest received in the state's history. The record for inheritance tax receipts was set in 1937 when \$1,043,227 was credited to the general fund. Previous banner years were 1929 with \$1,009,312 and 1930 with \$970,050. In 1935 the state collected \$323,649, in 1936 \$323,687, in 1938 \$458,312.

And the banner gift tax year was 1936, which produced \$172,799 for the state's coffers.

Receipts from inheritance and gift taxes are taken into consideration in formulating the annual state tax levy. In determining the state levy for 1940, inheritance taxes to be credited to the general fund during this year were estimated at \$350,000. Gift taxes were estimated at \$88,951.

During the years 1938 and 1939 more than one-half of the state inheritance tax came from estates in Multnomah county. The amounts received from that county during the two years were \$289,660 and \$327,953 respectively.

\$15,389 Paid In Marion

Marion county was second in inheritance tax payments in 1939 with \$15,389 while Klamath county was third with \$11,995.

In 1938 Clatsop county estates contributed \$56,715 to the general fund from that source while Marion and Lane counties made total payments of \$23,910 and \$22,999, respectively.

At the other end of the list was Curry county from which no inheritance taxes accrued to the general fund of the state in either 1938 or 1939.

Wheeler county paid no inheritance or gift taxes in 1939 and Harney and Jefferson counties no inheritance or gift taxes in 1938.

Monument Project Will Be Resumed

THE DALLES, Jan. 13—(AP)—Responsibility for completing the \$45,000 monument marking the resting place of the Lewis and Clark expedition was accepted today by the city council.

Because of insufficient finances, the project, on a rocky bluff at the western city limits, has been incomplete for several years. The work originally was started by a private organization with WPA assistance under technical city sponsorship.

H. R. Landfare, WPA engineer, received authority to begin cleaning a quarry for cutting sandstone by January 21. The city will appropriate \$4,000 in addition to equipment.

A private subscription campaign will continue.

4H Clubs Organized

SUNNYSIDE — The 4H clubs have been organized at the Sunnyside school. The Bachelor Sewing club, under the direction of Mrs. John Neuschwander, has chosen the following officers: president, Irwin Tucker; vice president, Craig Taylor; secretary, Richard Phillips. The Girls Handword club has elected: Maxine Sherwood, president; Hope Larson, vice president; Dorothy Roberts, secretary. Health club officers are Richard Phillips, president; Maxine Sherwood, vice president; Hope Larson, secretary.



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City Library Interior Gleams: Redecorated



What white paint can do toward brightening the atmosphere of a library reading room is shown in the above picture of the Salem public library's west reading room. In the picture are Hugh Morrow, librarian, left, and Paul Tanaka, a patron, seated at right.—Statesman Staff Photo.

Exterior Finish To Be Done Over

Stone walls may not make much of a prison, but Librarian Hugh Morrow has discovered that if they are coated with plenty of fresh, white paint they go a long way toward making a more pleasant and comfortable public library building.

That is his conclusion after hav-

ing heard many favorable comments from patrons on extensive interior redecoration undertaken at the library during the last month.

During that period the main reading room, including the stacks and the east and west reading rooms, have been entirely refurnished until even dark winter afternoons fail to spread gloom into corners well removed from light fixtures.

In addition to the main reading

room, the children's room, previously the home of many furtive shadows during the darker portions of the day, and the fireplace room have been similarly redecorated. Entranceway steps on both the State street and the Winter street sides are being cleaned and repainted.

Surplus Permits Improvement

The library board, which ordered the redecoration early in December when it found an expendable surplus in the library ac-

Pension Advocates Given Call for State Convention Here Next Month; 1940 Ballot Measures to Be Talked

Salem will again become a pension movement center next month when a "pension friends state convention" will be held here, it was announced yesterday by the acting board of directors of the Oregon Pension federation. No date has as yet been set.

The convention is intended to prepare the way for a unification of ideas on the pension question in preparation for the 1940 elections, a statement released by the federation indicated.

"There already is such a multiplicity of pension proposals for the 1940 ballot that unless these are properly linked together they will cause division in the pension ranks and thus reduce the possibility of any immediate improvement in Oregon," the statement declared.

Public Employee Aid Eyed

"There also is a determined effort by the league of Oregon cities and other groups to open the way for a public employee retirement system with pensions attached which would be of more benefit to the younger public employees than to those who need retirement aid now or in the near future."

The statement said this proposal was of particular interest to the public and especially to the

count on the city treasurer's books, expects to have the exterior of the building similarly attended to when weather permits such work.

Within its newly-painted walls, the library now houses 40,118 books and lists 16,929 registered patrons on its rolls. In addition to regular book-lending activities, it maintains a music room containing a piano and automatic phonograph for the daily use of patrons.

amas 16, Clatsop 6, Columbia 4, Coos 9, Curry 1, Douglas 7, Jackson 8, Josephine 5, Lane 16, Lincoln 5, Linn 8, Marion 18, Polk 5, Tillamook 4, Washington 9 and Yamhill 7.

Second district—Baker 5, Crook 1, Deschutes 4, Gilliam 1, Grant 1, Harney 1, Hood River 3, Jefferson 1, Klamath 6, Lake 1, Malheur 3, Morrow 1, Sherman 1, Umatilla 5, Union 5, Wallowa 2, Wheeler 1, Wasco 4.

Third district—Multnomah 85.

Permanent Board Planned

The convention will set up a permanent state board of directors to replace the present temporary board composed of eight members.

Theodore G. Nelson is secretary of the federation.

Grand Jury Clears State Legislator

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 13—(AP)—The Klamath county grand jury reported to Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst that it could find no grounds on which to return an indictment against State Rep. Harry D. Boivin.

Judge Ashurst accused Boivin in instructions to the jury recently of representing corporations while serving as a representative. He quoted Governor Sprague's condemnation of such practices. Specifically Ashurst claimed Boivin had a Southern Pacific railroad pass in violation of the state law prohibiting public utilities giving passes to public officials.

In the report the jurors said Attorney General I. H. VanWinkle—who also was attacked by Ashurst—had informed them that "railroads are not included within the definition of the term 'public utility.'"

Move to Liberty

LIBERTY—Mr. and Mrs. Roland Seeger are moving back to the district and will occupy the new cottage near the Toler place on Liberty road. Mr. and Mrs. Seeger left here about a year ago and lived in Philomath.



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