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A Sign of Recovery

Because the bids for resurfacing the Aurora-Brooks and Canby sections of the Pacific highway were far in excess of estimates made last winter of cost, the highway commission has rejected all bids and decided to re-advertise for new offers. The federal government apportioned last winter \$265,000 for this work, but the money was temporarily diverted to finance the civilian conservation corps, and only recently has again been made available. In the meantime contractors' costs have advanced to \$340,000, due to recent advances in material, machinery and labor costs.

This advance in highway costs is a healthful sign of economic recovery and is what the administration has been striving to bring about. By the time the new bids are received, chances are the costs will have been still further advanced. What the highway commission can do about it, except to have the federal authorities increase the allotment—and there seems sufficient federal road funds available—unless the state pays the extra cost, we do not know. Certainly the state's most important highway artery cannot be left over the year in its present torn-up condition.

Higher construction costs are to be expected. For two years road building, like nearly every industry, been carried on at an actual loss, with many contractors in bankruptcy. The oil industry, which has operated at a heavy deficiency, has advanced gasoline, oil and asphalt prices to help the come-back. Truck and tire manufacturers, long in the red, have also advanced prices. The prices of other materials have been raised, and starvation wages are being left behind—as they should be.

Higher prices prevail for wheat and grain, lumber and steel, cotton and wool and all other basic commodities, and with labor higher, naturally highway work, long on a relief basis, must go up. Only by increasing the purchasing power of the employed by spreading the profits of industry created by higher prices can recovery become an actuality. The government is spending money to raise prices and when they materialize the highway commission balks.

A Spite Effort

The association of truck owners fighting the new truck license law that goes into effect the first, are threatening to vote solidly against the sales tax bill at the July election, in order to force the calling of an extra session of the legislature by the governor for the purpose of getting the truck law repealed. They figure that if the sales tax is defeated, the financial chaos in state finances resulting will force emergency legislative action. Hence they take out their spite on the state's welfare.

It is true the state finances will be in deplorable condition if the sales tax bill is defeated, but the property tax will stand, and even though delinquency force a resort to the warrant system, the tax will be a lien against property. But if the taxpayers prefer to carry the whole burden by property tax instead of distributing it on everyone in the form of a light sales tax, that is their funeral.

There is no logical reason the governor should call another extra session. He tried it once, at great expense to the state, and got nowhere. The regular session took twice as long as the law allows and yet failed to balance the budget. It should have passed the sales tax to relieve the taxpayer, but it merely referred it to the people. And if the people insist on bankrupting the state, that is their privilege. They are chief sufferers.

The evident flaws in the truck bill can be minimized by liberal interpretation in enforcement, but there is no reason for a special session to correct them.

Why Shun Publicity?

Vancouver, Wash., which advertises bargain rates for marriage ceremonies and nominal license fees, and strives to become the Gretna Green for Oregonians, is not profiting as much as expected because of the new Oregon "gin marriage" law which compels couples contemplating matrimony to announce intention three days before the license is issued. Because Oregon has for years required a superficial physician examination of the prospective groom, many have avoided it by elopement to where no questions were asked—and this swelled the marriage business in Vancouver, not only for the physically unfit, for those who marry in haste to repent at leisure.

But it also swelled the divorce business in Oregon for the state ranks among the top notchers in high percentage of divorces—and this is largely due to the Vancouver marriages. A large proportion of all divorces in this section of the state, at least, result from Vancouver ceremonies.

The trek to Vancouver, since the new law went into effect, is no greater than before, and it is hard to see why it should be. Surely no couple contemplating marriage should hesitate to announce it to the world three days in advance. And if they change their minds and fail to show up at the altar, it is far better to separate beforehand than afterwards.

After all advance notice of marriage is a very ancient institution and enforced because of the social significance of the marriage contract. The Catholic church and the Church of England require announcement, or banns, on several Sundays before the ceremony or the marriage is null. And many governments require considerable advance publicity. Many of our states now demand it.

Lodge To Continue Summer Meetings

Hubbard-Arlon temple, Pythian Sisters, will continue meetings during July but will not meet during August and September, according to the dispensation granted them by the grand chief, Mrs. Marie Bennett. The last meeting before the vacation begins will be devoted to discussing the general work of the organization with a view of giving the necessary instructions to the representative to grand temple, which meets in October, before the local temple has an opportunity to convene. Miss Orva Barrett will represent the Hubbard group, with Miss Lenore Scholl as alternate.

Welfare Workers Guest At School

Hubbard—Hubbard's "one-man band" furnished music for the meeting of welfare workers held at the boys' state training school recently. The one-man band consisted of Dr. A. P. de Lespinasse, director and trumpet player; Mrs. de Lespinasse, trombone; Mrs. Louise Grims, saxophone; Miss Marie de Lespinasse, clarinet; and Miss Dorothy McKee, traps. According to the superintendent, Sam Laughlin, 27 welfare groups were represented at the luncheon. After the playing the one-man band members were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin.

GLORIOUS FILM AT LOW PRICES OPENS CAPITOL

Starting Saturday at the Capitol theater for an indefinite run is "Gold Diggers of 1933," one of the most elaborate musical film productions ever made and heralded as greater than "42nd Street," featuring a dozen screen stars and a beauty chorus of more than 200 girls.

The premier at the Grauman Chinese theater in Los Angeles drew a packed house with \$5 seats while the picture is now in its fifth week at \$1.50, according to Carl Porter, manager of the Capitol and Elsinore theaters, who states that prevailing popular prices will be unchanged for the special attraction.

Ruby Keeler, the wife of Al Johnson, has one of the main leads in the picture, making an even greater hit than the sensation she provided in "42nd Street." This is her second picture and her place in the film world seems secure. Musical numbers fit closely in the general picture and are not thrust upon the audience.

Marion Davies comes to the Elsinore screen for two days, starting Friday, in "Peg O' My Heart," well-adapted to the role of a little Irish girl. A new musical background has been added to the original play, adding rather than detracting from its presentation.

Manager Porter has a treat in store for youngsters attending the Saturday Mickey Mouse matinee, with some of the latest Hollywood dolls of this name distributed.

Willamina Pastor Going To Newberg

Willamina—About 75 people enjoyed the pot luck dinner given Monday evening as a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Drake who are retiring. After the supper an impromptu program was given. Rev. Drake has been the pastor of the Methodist church here for two years. The family will move shortly to Newberg to make their home.

NAVAL MAN VISITS IN SHAW SECTION

Shaw—Recent guests for a month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Burtis of Shaw were Burtis' granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Lewis. Lewis is lieutenant-commander of the U. S. frigate "Rawleigh."

Lieut. Com. Lewis has had a highly interesting naval career and world travel. At the age of 15 he became an Annapolis naval cadet and worked his way to his present rank, which now entitles him to retirement. During the World war he commanded a destroyer in a convoy fleet in eastern Atlantic waters. For the major time since the World war he has been stationed at Washington, D. C., but for the past year has been stationed on the west coast.

He and Mrs. Lewis also visited at Vancouver, B. C., stopping here again en route to Kentucky, where they will make their home.

Rickreall—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hanna, who operate the Black Bird Inn, and the latter's mother, Mrs. Myrtle Breslin, who is their guest from Rahndale, Calif., enjoyed the Mt. Hood loop trip Tuesday. They also visited at The Dalles.

PHILHARMONIC CHOIR OFF TO CHICAGO FAIR

Thirty-three musicians, including Cameron Marshall, the leader, and comprising the personnel of the Philharmonic choir of Willamette university, boarded an east bound bus out of Portland Thursday for a trip which will carry them to Chicago and return between now and August 31. The group will present programs virtually every night enroute to Chicago, arriving there July 25. During the two weeks stay in Chicago they will be Oregon's official musical representatives at the Century of Progress exposition. Their schedule in Chicago calls for a number of appearances at the exposition, including one nation-wide broadcast. In addition the choir will appear before the congregations of some of the large Chicago churches.

The members of the choir and their home addresses include: Cameron Marshall, director, Bernice Rickman, Elizabeth Clement, Genevieve Thayer, Marjorie O'Dell, Benetta Edwards, Carolyn Braden, Barbara Barham, Sarah Jane Dark, Harriett Adams, Edwyna Broadbent, Martha O'Dell, Earle Potter, Chris Seely, Harold Wilcraft, Richard Smart, all of Salem; Elizabeth Ogden, Robert Houck, Louis Magin, Alfred King and Robert Magin, all of Portland; Clara Wright, Bremerton, Wash.; Ruth Schreiber, Nespelem, Wash.; Robert Mayne, Dallas, Texas; Earl Henry, Goldendale, Wash.; Ewald Franz, Pratum, Ore.; Ralph Barber, Renton, Wash.; Maurice Dean, Hillsboro; Gus Klempel, Aberdeen, Idaho; Wesley Roeder, Oak Grove, Ore., and Melvin Crow, Lostine, Ore.

The first concert will be given tonight at The Dalles. The balance of the itinerary on the eastbound trip: July 30, La Grande; July 1 and 2, Boise; July 3 and 4, Twin Falls, Ida.; July 5, Burley, Idaho; 6th, Aberdeen, Idaho; 7th, Evanston, Wyo.; 8th and 9th, Colorado Chautauque company, Bolder, Colo.; 12th, Goodland, Kas.; 13th, Atwood, Kas.; 14th, Colby, Kas.; 17th, Downsview, Kas.; 18th, Bellville, Kas.; 19th, Salina, Kas. The balance of the itinerary will be arranged enroute.

M'NARY TO CONSULT F. D. ON CHEMAWA

Portland, Ore., June 29 (UP)—Senator McNary again will discuss the proposed curtailed operations plan for the Chemawa Indian school when President Roosevelt returns to Washington next week, according to a Washington dispatch to the Oregon Journal today.

Senator McNary and Stelwer, with Representative Mott, discussed the matter with Commissioner Collier of the bureau of Indian affairs yesterday, but Collier only reaffirmed his plan to operate the school on a basis of 150 or 200 students next year, the dispatch said.

Park Picnic Held

Scotts Mills—Around 50 Royal Neighbors held a picnic dinner Tuesday in the park as the results of a membership contest between the home lodge and Silverton lodge, recently. The losing side to treat, which fell to Scotts camp of this place. There were also Neighbors present from Salem and Oregon City.

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