

SALARY SCALE OF OFFICIALS REMAINS SAME

Woodburn—The city council met in regular session Tuesday night which was the date for the annual election of city officers. A motion was made and seconded that John Muir be re-elected as street commissioner but the motion was not put to a vote and the matter of electing officers came to an abrupt close. It will probably be taken up again at the next meeting.

Salaries of all city officers were fixed with no change from last year. The salary of the water superintendent is \$90 per month; that of the street commissioner, \$60 per month; marshal, \$85 per month; city recorder, \$85 per month; city attorney, \$29.75 per month; city treasurer, \$25.50 per month; fire chief, \$8.50 per month, and health officer \$85 per year.

A motion was made and seconded that the ordinance committee be authorized to prepare an ordinance fixing the number of police officers to be hired. This was discussed but also failed to come to a vote. A motion that only one police officer be hired was lost.

Chief of Police Alfred Ashland was instructed to secure a bond.

The scale of wages for municipal labor was fixed at 30c per hour for common labor and 50c per hour for skilled labor.

Two insurance policies, covering the city hall, were paid, totaling \$153 in premiums for policies aggregating \$9000.

OILING PLANS GET APPROVAL

Oiling of market roads in Clackamas, Yamhill and Washington counties at a cost of nearly \$100,000 was approved late Wednesday at a special meeting of the state highway commission.

The commission met here primarily for a conference with the state land board to object to paying royalty of ten cents per yard for sand and gravel taken from the beds of navigable streams.

It will cost the commission \$75,000 more per year under the law passed by the special session of the legislature, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said. Private companies which now sell sand and gravel to the state cheaply will demand ten cents if the land board gets that much, Baldock said.

State Treasurer Holman pleaded for the money for the irreducible school fund.

The engineer was instructed to conduct preliminary surveys for proposed railroad crossings in The Dalles.

Construction of additional shed room at Government Camp maintenance headquarters, including a light plant, was authorized for \$1600. A \$1000 addition to the Corvallis maintenance shed will be built later.

Hearings on highway route changes were set for Steadman on December 27 and Astoria December 28.

The commission postponed until another special meeting in Portland next Tuesday session on oiling of the roadway leading to the top of Pilot Butte at Bend, and on a letter from Redmond chamber of commerce urging elimination of a dangerous curve on the Ochoco highway one-fourth mile east of a railroad crossing at Redmond.

Italian Wheat Yield 123 Bushels to Acre

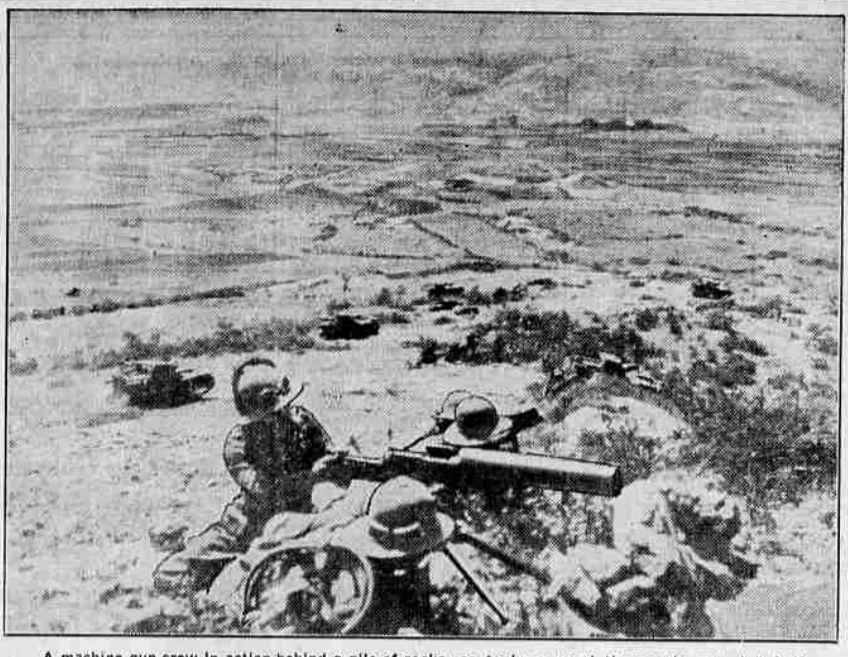
Rome (UP)—A world's soft wheat record of 123 bushels to the acre is claimed for a new seed produced by Senator Nazareno Strampelli, Italian authority on cereals.

The seed was experimented with in the last sowings in Italy, and it is officially reported, established the record yield. The new wheat also is said to ripen faster than any known variety.

KIN GET \$2, STATE \$3,278

Evansville, Ind. (UP)—John W. Thurling, local photographer, left an estate on which Indiana will collect \$3,278 inheritance taxes but his closest kin, a brother and sister, get only \$1 each, under terms of a will filed for probate.

ITALIANS TAKE ANOTHER ETHIOPIAN TOWN



A machine gun crew in action behind a pile of rocks, as tanks covered the rough ground, bristling with guns, in the background. This action picture by Joseph Geneva, Associated Press staff photographer, was taken on the Adigrat-Makale frontier. The Italians took Makale in their latest drive. (Associated Press Photo)

Not Sales Tax, but Gross Income Levy, Commission Avers

In the first place it isn't a sales tax. Instead, the measure passed by the recent special session of the legislature was a gross income tax, the state tax commission declared today.

But since the income tax field embraces levies on net and gross receipts and gross sales, the new law has easily, but incorrectly, been called a sales tax, the commission explained.

The gross income tax, however, would not be passed on to the consumer on each purchase as the retail sales taxes operate in Washington and California. It would be shifted only if and when the merchant was able to transfer it into the cost of doing business.

It would be only paid in the form of higher prices on more expensive merchandise.

All income from sales of foodstuffs would be exempt from the tax. This, the commission believes, would cut the tax revenue 50 per cent— from \$8,000,000 annually to \$4,000,000.

The bill—House Bill No. 85, by Rep. Warner B. Snider of Deschutes and Lake counties—was jammed through the legislature on the last day of the session, and was a substitute for Snider's H. B. 84, which was an exact copy of the Washington state sales tax law.

The people will approve or reject the gross income tax at a special election Jan. 31, 1936.

Title of the bill supports the tax commission's view in that the act is not a sales tax. It reads: "A bill for an act to provide funds for old age assistance, aid to the blind, aid to dependent children and aid for the unemployed by imposing a privilege tax measured by gross income from retail sales of tangible personal property and, also, a privilege tax measured by gross income from wholesale sales of such property."

Neither taking a stand for or against the bill, the tax commission made these observations for the United Press.

"1. First and foremost, the act is a gross income tax—not a sales tax, the fundamental difference being that a gross income tax is charged to and paid by the merchant, not the consumer, and can only be passed on to the consumer in the sense that other items such as rent and personal property taxes are considered in the cost of doing business and added to the merchant's mark-up of his goods and cannot be said to be paid by the consumer any more than the real property taxes on the merchant's store, and stock of goods are paid by the consumer."

"2. Unlike sales taxes, there are

January election, will tax wholesalers one-quarter of one per cent and retailers two per cent on their gross incomes. Both rates of tax are on sales of tangible personal property and not on personal services unless the service is incident to the sale of the property—as a suit made by a tailor, a meal served in a restaurant, and so on.

In order to avoid a nuisance to both the taxpayer and the state, there is an exemption of \$50 per month of gross income of each person from sales of tangible personal property, thereby eliminating the cigar stand, lunch counter and roadside stand.

The tax will be collected by the commission in monthly installments on or before the end of each month next following the transactions.

TITLE ACCEPTED TO SCUTCHING MILLS

Thé to the three fax retting and scutching plants which will be built in the Willamette valley by federal and city cooperation was accepted by the state board of control at a meeting late Wednesday.

One of the plants will be built at Eugene. The others have not yet been located.

Ten Ford V-8 four-door sedans were bought for the highway department. Seven of the cars were purchased from Alexander Motor company, Albany, for \$4344.20, and three from Isaac R. Tower, Marshfield, for \$1560.

Sixty per cent of the state's \$60,000 annual tire and tube purchases was awarded Lee Tire & Rubber company, Portland, with the balance to be distributed by Purchasing Agent Dan Fry.

A \$2840 ambulance will be bought for the Oregon State hospital. A new flux scutching machine costing \$645 was approved.

Improvement of the grounds of the Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles as a WPA project was approved.

OPERATIC FILM COMEDY, DRAMA IS NOW SHOWING

America's favorite baritone, Lawrence Tibbett, returns to the screen in "Metropolitan," the 20th Century production, showing at the Elsinore theater, as the star of a picture that sets new high standards in musicals.

In the course of the dramatic comedy, which traces the adventures of a young singer in pursuit of fame and romance, Tibbett sings selections from the operas "Carmen," "Pagliacci" and "The Barber of Seville," as well as a duo of popular numbers.

Romantic complications beset Tibbett's path in "Metropolitan." In love with Virginia Bruce, he cannot reveal his inclinations because Alice Brady loves him. She is a temperamental prima donna, and Tibbett's fate, and that of the company, hang on her good will.

When Tibbett decides that he cannot pretend for Miss Brady's sake any longer, the company faces a crisis, without money or supporters. The climax shows how this gallant band of performers rally round their leader and come through with a crashing success.

Personally produced by Darryl F. Zanuck, and directed by Richard Boleslawski, "Metropolitan" features Cesar Romero, Luis Alberni, Thurston Hall and George Marion, Sr., in its supporting cast.

PROTEST MADE BY ETHIOPIANS

Geneva, Nov. 21 (AP)—Ethiopia protested to the League of Nations yesterday against any claim for a settlement of her controversy with Italy which might be based on the advances made by Italian armies into Ethiopia.

"As the victim of unjustified aggression perpetrated under the most unfair conditions," said the note, "the Ethiopian government and people refuse to entertain any proposal which directly or indirectly would allow the aggressor to reap the reward of his crime."

The Ethiopian protest accuses Italy of military barbarity and oppression.

"With the help of Almighty God," the government stated, "the Ethiopian government and people will fight to the death no matter what the cost and however long the war may last to escape this savage domination."

"They are confident of the support of the League of Nations in winning through in this dreadful ordeal."

Ethiopia charged Italy bombarded undefended towns from the air and massacred women and children. It denounced the leaders of the Italian armies as claiming to be fulfilling "the sacred trust of civilization" on the ground that they actually are engaged in murdering a civil population of old men, women and children.

The protest attacks Italy saying that an unequal warfare was accompanied by an attempt to buy traitors for cash and to bribe them to rise against the lawful government.

Manitowoc, Wis. (UP)—Marine disasters on the Great Lakes from 1909 to 1935 are described and tabulated in chronological order in a record book of Capt. Edward Carus, retired local marine authority.

New Bridge May be Simpson Memorial

Naming of the Coos Bay bridge "A. M. Simpson Memorial bridge" will be considered by the state highway commission at its next meeting in Portland next Tuesday.

The span, now under construction, is one of the five coast highway bridges.

HOME REBEKAHS SERVING DINNER

Woodburn—The semi-annual election of officers of Home Rebekah lodge No. 58 was held Tuesday night at the I.O.O.F. hall and the following were elected to take office in January:

Beulah Lessard, noble grand; Ethel Tibbitt, vice grand; Edith Prentz, recording secretary; Mabel Jackson, financial secretary; Myrtle Hall, treasurer. The appointive officers will be announced later by the noble grand elect.

The Rebekah degree was conferred upon Mrs. Ida Garrison. A number of visitors were present from Monitor and Needy and short talks were given by the visiting members during the social hour and also by Mrs. Garrison. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Susan Strike, Mrs. Beulah Lessard and Miss Rowena Cole.

Plans were made to hold the annual family pot-luck dinner Friday at 6:30 o'clock to which members of all branches of the order and their families are invited. The committee in charge includes Mrs. Nora Broyles, Mrs. Edith Prentz and Mrs. Pearl Hopkins. A program will follow the dinner and is being arranged by Mrs. Cora Taylor and Mrs. Myrtle Hall.

At the next regular meeting, December 3, degrees will be conferred on three candidates and refreshments will be served by Opal Haysenager, Kathleen Garrison and Joyce Woodfin.

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CAMP COOKERY CLUB TITLED

Gates—The boys of the camp cookery club have selected their club name, "The Bluejay Porridge Club."

The girls' group are to be known as "Patch-Em-Up Sewing Club" was decided at a special meeting the first of the week.

Mrs. H. N. Wilson led the discussion for the plans for the year. Three

additions were made to the previous official list to include Audrey Sellard, pianist; Delora Dike, song leader; and Zetta White, yell leader.

A committee on games, refreshments and on program have been named and demonstrated their service following the business session in a social hour.

Mrs. H. N. Wilson will open her home to the members for a party Saturday evening.

Two divisions of the girls organization report for work. The second year classes are making tea towels and the third year group are making articles of clothing.

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