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A resurgence of real estate values within two years is prophesied by the president of one of the nation's big insurance companies. "It isn't a question of whether it is just or equitable that rents will jump," he is quoted as stating. "It is inevitable. You can't stop the boom."

The census of 1930 showed that 46.8 per cent of the United States' almost 30,000,000 families owned homes in whole or in part. As long as we have American homes, housing American families living American standards we need have no fear for our form of government.

CITY HAS NO AUTHORITY

It seems strange that a city council has no authority to regulate affairs within the city. After the city council went on record a few weeks ago against the licensing of any more beer halls in Coquille, Deputy Barry, from the liquor commission's office, came in and after an interview with Mayor Berg wrote "No" on the applications in his hands for licenses in Coquille.

A few days later Jack Allen, liquor administrator, came to Coquille and after his departure it was learned that he had granted one license which the council had positively declined to approve.

Just why the administrator would override the council's wishes is something that body would like to know.

GOVERNMENT BY BLUDGEON

The threat of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, to call a nation-wide strike unless the demands of his group are strictly adhered to by Congress has done more than anything else possibly could to injure the cause of those for whom he pretends to speak. For in trying to bludgeon Congress and the county into line behind this legislative program, which includes the Wagner Labor Dispute Bill, Green has alienated thousands upon thousands of persons who might be sympathetic to some of his programs.

The Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, in a pointed editorial, remarks that "if the president of the American Federation of Labor is under the delusion that this country is going to take such an ultimatum as that lying down, then he had better think again."

Continuing, the paper inquires what the A. F. of L. would think if the employers of the nation announced that they would discharge 25 per cent of their workers unless Congress enacted certain legislation.

"We all know perfectly well what it would think. Yet the president of that organization appears to regard it as proper for organized labor to put a pistol to the nation's head, and to threaten to wreck recovery, unless it gets the legislation it wants."

Location of the new capitol building promises to provide a bone of contention for the lawmakers to chew on when the special session is convened to pass judgment on the capitol construction program.

The public works committee of the State Planning Board in a "progress report" filed with Governor Martin says that by all means Salem should be retained as the capital of the state but qualifies this declaration by adding "if a suitable site can be found" for the new building.

The site of the old capitol, the committee declares, is too small to accommodate a building of the size and type to which Oregon is entitled in view of an expected material increase in population during the next few years. Several other sites are being studied by the planners who will make their recommendations in another report to be presented to the governor on Friday, June 28.

Residents of Salem generally are pretty well satisfied with the present site which is centrally located and which forms a part of what Salemites hope will be developed into one

of the most attractive civic centers in the entire nation. Legislators who have visited Salem since the fire and who have expressed themselves on the question of a location for the new building have been almost unanimous in their support of the old site and many of these can be depended upon to oppose any attempt to change the capitol location regardless of the recommendations of the Planning Board.

The old capitol, destroyed by fire the night of April 25, was constructed crosswise of the block, that is with its two wings extending north and south of the main lobby or rotunda. Supporters of the present site point out that the need for additional space for the new building can be met by constructing the building lengthwise of the block, with the wings—assuming that the new capitol will be of the conventional dome-and-wings type—extending east and west.

A move is now on foot here in Salem with a view to securing at least a portion of Willson park, adjoining the capitol block, for state purposes. This, it is contended, would provide ample space for the new building as well as allow for appropriate landscaping of the grounds surrounding the capitol.

The state planners in their "progress report" suggest a building that will be neither ultra-conservative nor ultra-modern. That is one which will not stick too closely to the dome-wings-porches style of architecture for one which will follow the tower or shaft style of the Nebraska, North Dakota or Louisiana building, but rather one which will follow a middle ground, representing a compromise between these two extremes.

Estimated cost of the new building is fixed by the state planners at \$3,500,000 as representing approximately the same per capita expenditure involved in the eight western capitols constructed since the close of the World War.

Three methods of financing are being considered by the board—a property tax levy, a poll tax and diversion of liquor profits, with preference given to the latter method as entailing no special election to circumvent the constitutional inhibition against state indebtedness. Both the other methods, it is admitted, would require bond issues and a special election to approve the state debt.

Employees of the operator's division of the state department blossomed out in gray shirts and black bow ties this week. Just to make them more readily distinguishable, according to Secretary of State Snell. Incidentally more than 5000 operators are applying for new licenses daily now and a big crew of extra-help has been hired to handle the increase in business.

There will be only three measures on the general election ballot in November, 1936: the proposed change in the primary election date from May to September and the proposal to remove the constitutional limit from the pay of legislators, both referred by the legislature, and the student body fee act which has been referred by a group of university students.

Neither the employers nor employees involved in the lumber strike are ready for arbitration, the state board of conciliation has reported to Governor Martin. The board made no recommendation with respect to wage increases demanded by the strikers.

First consideration in planning highway projects to be financed by federal funds must be finding jobs for men who are able and willing to work but who are now on relief. Thos. H. MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, has advised R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Baldock still awaits instructions from Washington covering the expenditure of the \$3,038,542 allotted to Oregon for highway improvement and the \$2,334,204 which Oregon will receive for elimination of hazards at railway grade crossings.

Governor Martin now presides over sessions of the board of control with a gavel which Speaker Rainey wielded in Congress. The gavel was presented to the governor by the late congressman from Illinois shortly before his death.

Automobile registrations in Oregon promise to establish a new high record this year. A large number of cars registered this year are new ones which Secretary of State Snell declares to be "substantial evidence of improved business conditions generally throughout the state."

The board of control has authorized the purchase of new fire fighting equipment to be installed at the state institutions south of Salem. The equipment includes two combination pumps and chemical wagons.

The property control division of the state budget department has received \$32,000 of SERA funds to finance an inventory of state property. Workers will all be taken from relief rolls and approximately 30 men and women

will be given employment for the next ten months, according to Clifton Mudd, state property comptroller.

With the state restoration fund exhausted through payment of losses due to the capitol fire, there is nothing in the statutes to prevent departments, boards and commissions from purchasing insurance from private companies, according to Attorney General Van Winkle. The only fly in the ointment seems to be a lack of funds to pay the premiums. Self-supporting departments will be able to provide protection for their property but those depending on legislative appropriations must wait for legislative authority. This latter group includes all state buildings, including those at state institutions, it is believed at Salem.

The state board of control has decided to apply for \$148,730 in PWA funds in connection with the building program authorized by the last legislature. This would include \$31,580 for the new dormitory at the blind school; \$35,250 for additions and improvements at the tuberculosis hospital and \$81,800 for the new building at the state hospital. In each instance the amount represents 45 per cent of the total cost of the proposed buildings, the legislature appropriating \$50,000, \$56,000 and \$100,000 respectively for these three institutions. The federal funds if forthcoming, will be added to the legislative appropriations to provide for larger and better buildings than were originally planned for.

Members of the state board of control plan an automobile trip through eastern, central and southern Oregon as soon as labor troubles quiet down, sufficiently to permit Governor Martin to leave his office for a few days. The tour will include a visit to the tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles and the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton and will require the better part of a week.

Of the \$750,000 of outstanding unemployment relief certificates, only \$100,000 worth are in the hands of private investors. The balance has been bought up by other state funds, keeping the interest in the family, so to speak.

Fairview

James N. Stock, formerly of Sumner, is now making his home on the Ray Norris ranch in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fairman. Mr. Stock is the father of Mrs. Ray Norris and Frank Stock and the community extends a welcome to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Parks have been entertaining several guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrissey, of Marshfield, and Mrs. Coal Cordray, also of that city.

Miss Arla Jenkins, of Brewster Valley, visited friends and relatives for several days last week. Arla is the sister of Mrs. Harry Hubbell of Fairview.

The box social and dance held at the community hall in Fairview last Saturday evening proved to be a big success. Many folks from Brewster valley, McKinley and Coquille turned out and enjoyed the fine music offered by Mr. Munson, of Marshfield, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Judd, Miss Audrey Judd, and Mr. Harold Henagin. Harold Young was bidder on the boxes and caused many of the other men to dig deep in their pockets. Mrs. Wm. Judd was in charge of the affair and is to be congratulated upon her management.

The Fairview-North Fork Grange, No. 739, will hold its regular meeting Saturday evening, June 22.

Charles Holverstott has been busy the past week filling his silo. He was assisted by several neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Norris and daughter, Nelda, drove to Gold Beach last Friday and spent the day.

Harold Henagin has been working in Marshfield the past few weeks for the Southern Pacific.

The young people's Sunday school class held its long-awaited picnic at the falls last Sunday. Though the weather was anything but promising in the morning, it cleared up in time for the young folks to enjoy the day. Leaving right after Sunday school, the crowd gathered at the park shortly before noon and immediately consumed most of the eats. The afternoon was spent in hiking about, playing baseball and swimming, in spite of the chilly water. The credit for the success of this venture goes to Mrs. Myrtle Holverstott, teacher of the class, and Louis Teters, who had charge of the arrangements. This large and growing class turned out almost one hundred per cent. Those attending were: Annamae Holverstott, Harriet Jensen, Carlens Alley, Millicent Dow and her cousin, Lorraine, Helen and Viola Johnson, Donalda Powell, Lois Teters, Bette Ann Yeoman, Fay and Ben Holverstott, Edwin Jones, Earl Ashbough, Irwin Henagin, Phillip Stock, Dale Ford, Harold Young, Cynard Holverstott, Harold Neal, Don Phillips, Phil Jensen, Norman and Stanley Powell.

The annual school meeting of district No. 25 was held at the Fairview school Monday evening, June 17. A. A. Saylor, chairman of the board, presided at the meeting. Both the report of the past year and the budget for next year were approved. Miss Frances McCarthy was re-elected clerk for the coming year and Harold Henagin is the new director. The school board is now composed of A. Saylor, chairman, Mrs. Bethel Norris, and Harold Henagin.

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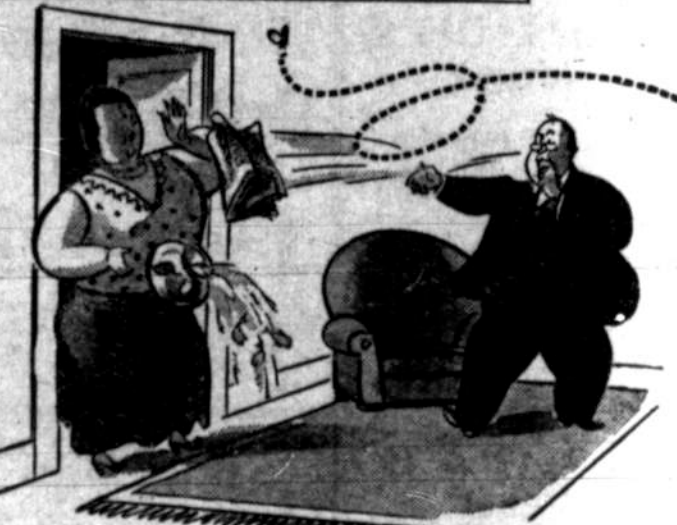
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