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## RAISING THE COST OF LIVING

New Deal tinkering with currency and credit policies, and the ever-increasing size of governmental debt promises a rise in living costs higher than that of the war years, in the opinion of Dr. Melvin T. Copeland, professor of marketing of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Addressing a representative group of business men at Boston recently, Dr. Copeland said: "Many persons have viewed with complacency the tinkering with our currency so long as a new issue of greenbacks was not started. As a matter of fact, however, with an unbalanced budget there is little essential difference between the government's printing greenbacks and its issuing bonds against which paper banknotes can be put in circulation."

Responsibility rests "squarely on the shoulders of President Roosevelt" for the rising prices and their subsequent collapse in a new economic crisis some years hence. "However," Dr. Copeland continued, "I still have faith in the common sense of the common people of this country. They know deep down inside that Santa Claus cannot come down the chimney every night. They know who pays Santa Claus' bills."

Urging that a stop be put on the increase in the issuance of government bonds, he said that the "country cannot well stand a heavy increase in revenue-producing taxes. The first essential step should be an immediate tapering off of government expenditures so that they could be brought in line with government revenues."

"The next step would be to make sure that credit expansion is checked before it nears the danger zone. If we wait until the price advance is in full swing, it will be too late."

## State Capitol News Letter

More than 45 per cent of the total 1935 tax levy for county purposes in Coos county goes to the support of schools and roads, according to figures compiled by State Treasurer Holman. These two responsibilities absorb the big end of the annual budget in most Oregon counties with Linn county topping the list in this respect with more than 60 per cent of its total budget going into these two items.

Construction of the new state house on a pay-as-you-go basis is advocated by State Treasurer Holman. Under a plan worked out by Holman the legislature would make an appropriation of \$1,925,000 covering the state's share of the cost of the new capitol. Expenditure of the appropriation, however, would be spread over a three-year period with an item of \$650,000 to be included in the state tax levy for the next three years. Construction work on the building would have to be attuned to this plan, work on the building progressing only as rapidly as funds were available to pay for the work without increasing the general fund deficit. The attorney general has approved the plan as avoiding conflict with the constitutional debt inhibition and Governor Martin is expected to recommend the plan to the legislature.

Scores of out-of-town visitors went to the state office building Saturday to transact business only to find the building deserted while officials and employees took advantage of the holiday. Few of the visitors had ever heard of Columbus Day which was the occasion for the holiday.

Death of Sam A. Kozar at his home in Portland Saturday removed a man who had spent more than 35 years in the service of the state. Kozar first entered public service as chief clerk in the state department under F. L. Dunbar in 1899. He later served as insurance commissioner, secretary of state, and the state's first budget director. At the time of his death

Kozar was head of the auditing department of the state board of higher education with offices in Corvallis.

Appointment of Judge F. L. Touville, of Medford, to the highway commission has changed the dominant complexion of that board to democratic for the first time in eight years. E. B. Aldrich, of Pendleton is the other democrat on the board.

The capital city is making ready for the invasion of the lawmakers who are expected to arrive Sunday in readiness for the opening of the special session Monday morning.

Carpenters have been busy this week fixing up the temporary legislative chambers in the Marion hotel and the armory where the sessions will be held. Raised platforms have been built in both rooms for the presiding officers and the deck clerks. A covered runway has been constructed in the alley between the two buildings so that legislators and lobbyists may go back and forth without exposing themselves to the weather which promises to be more or less moist during the next few weeks.

Newspapermen, covering the session, have been assigned working quarters in a room adjoining the temporary senate chamber where teletypes have been installed for speedy transmission of the news of the session. New desks and chairs are being installed in both chambers for the senators and representatives.

Democrats of the House have been called to caucus Sunday afternoon in an effort to get together on one of the half dozen or more candidates for the speakership, left vacant by the resignation of John Cooter to accept a federal job. While friends of both William Graham and Howard LaTourrette claim enough names on the dotted line to elect their candidate, this claim is discounted by other candidates who also have a few names on dotted lines of their own.

Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock President H. L. Corbett will call the senate to order while Fred Drager, veteran chief clerk of the House, will perform that function in the hall of representatives. Organization of the senate will be a mere formality, with re-election of all the staff that performed during the special session expected except in the case of the reading clerk where a vacancy exists which will probably be filled by election of Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove, who did this chore for the House for many years. While Ashby C. Dixon has announced his intention to make a fight for his senate seat which he has been held to have forfeited when he accepted a federal appointment, the republican majority in this body can be expected to follow the advice of Attorney General Van Winkle and seat the choice of the Multnomah county commissioners, Nate Boody. The contest in the House where Lew Wallace will make a fight for his seat, may be a different story. There it would not be at all surprising if the democratic majority chose to ignore the opinion of the attorney general holding Wallace to have forfeited his seat when he accepted appointment on the game commission and restore Wallace to membership over Robert Farrell, Jr., the choice of the Multnomah commissioners.

In spite of the membership contests, however, organization of both branches should be completed by Monday noon. In that event Governor Martin will deliver his message to the joint assembly during the noon hour and the hoppers will be opened for the reception of bills, resolutions, etc., at the afternoon session on the opening day.

Holding that the state's irreducible school fund has been cheated out of thousands of dollars through the policy of waiving royalty payments for sand and gravel used in highway construction the state land board has decreed that hereafter there shall be no such waivers—that royalties must be paid on all sand and gravel taken from Oregon streams for whatever purpose.

Restoration of the agricultural codes through legislative action will be attempted at the special session, according to Solon T. White, director of the state department of agriculture. Much good was accomplished through operation of the codes, in White's opinion, through regulation of production, stabilization of prices and orderly marketing.

There will be no second special session. If the legislators fail to complete their task in the allotted 20 days it will be just too bad—the responsibility will be on their shoulders.

That is the position taken by Governor Martin in quieting rumors that he stood ready to reconvene the session at the end of the first 20 days if necessary.

The governor will present his recommendations on the capitol construction and social security program, toss the problems into the legislative lap and leave the solution thereof to the tender mercies of the 30 senators and 60 representatives.

"If they can't get together on a new

capitol in 20 days we will just have to wait until the regular session in 1937," the governor said.

In his message to the legislature the governor will recommend purchase of the 13-acre Willamette university campus as an addition to the present capitol site. As his second choice he will advocate purchase of Candalaria Heights, a 93-acre hill-top two miles south of the Salem business district. Willamette university trustees have agreed to the sale of the campus for a price of \$750,000 and a new site for the school. A committee of Salem citizens has pledged the city to provide the needed university site as well as to make a small contribution toward the purchase price. The "asking price" of Candalaria Heights, originally reported as \$100,000 is now understood to be down to \$75,000 with the probability that it can be had for much less if the state wants it.

The governor's message will also recommend the creation of a capitol building commission to handle the construction details, such as selection of the design, hiring of the architects, etc.

Governor Martin is also expected to recommend an amendment to the old age pension bill, reducing the minimum age of beneficiaries to 65 years to conform to the federal act. The message is also expected to deal with other phases of the social security program, including unemployment insurance, aid for dependent children, etc.

Thirty-one drunken drivers had their operator's licenses revoked during September, according to reports to Secretary of State Snell.

## County School Notes

### From Mrs. Mulkey's Office

**Non-High Budget Hearing**  
 The evening of Monday, October 21, will be date of public hearing on the non-high budget. The hearing will be held in Circuit Court room at Coquille at eight p. m. and the public is extended an invitation to attend. The amount proposed to be levied is \$62,264.37. The two largest items in this are for tuition, \$38,973.56, and transportation, \$21,575.00. In addition \$3,600 is also being budgeted for interest on warrants.

**County Teachers' Institute**  
 Fifteen speakers and directors will have part in the program at the county teachers' annual institute. The institute will be held in Marshfield high school on Monday, October 28.

Victor P. Morris, from the school of economics of the University of Oregon, and D. A. Emerson, from the state superintendent's office, will give the assembly addresses. Mrs. Benj. Ostlund, of Marshfield, will lead the music. Others who are to assist on the program are Fred Schepman, North Bend; Curtis French, Bandon; Alice Alverdes, Myrtle Point; C. L. Church, Myrtle Point; Phyllis Hall, Coquille; Pearl Horning, North Bend; Earl Cooley, Salem; Maude Barry, Marshfield; Gladys Durrand, Marshfield; Alice Finnie, Marshfield; Carl Morrison, North Bend; P. W. Lane, Coquille, and Laura Brandon, Gaylord. The county division officers, Leland P. Linn, Dorothy Barry Keating and Richard Hughes, are to have charge of the business session. A complete program will appear in next week's issue.

**School Census**  
 On October 25th the school clerks will begin taking the school census. The law requires that the names of all persons from 4 to under 20 years of age be entered on the census. This census is of very great importance as school money is apportioned on the census basis.

**Willard Day**  
 October 25 is Frances E. Willard Day. The law requires that a portion of the day should be set apart for appropriate exercises. The type of program used will differ somewhat in different schools.

**Armistice Day**  
 Armistice Day is a school holiday but no doubt there will be many school programs on or near that date in memory of this day. Never before has there been greater cause for attention to peace and organizations in general will no doubt put on programs at this time.

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## Red Cross Wars on Carelessness In Home or While at Work on Farm



Left—Farm implements, carelessly placed, cripple thousands each year. Upper right—Pressing irons left on cloth or paper are a dangerous fire hazard. Lower—Incorrect handling of a knife may mean serious injury.

THE American Red Cross is throwing the weight of its entire organization behind a continuing campaign to combat the negligence and lack of knowledge in the home and on the farm which last year claimed nearly 40,000 lives and injured millions.

According to safety experts most accidents can be prevented. Every Red Cross Chapter and Branch will play a part in this large-scale humanitarian operation, and have mobilized to meet the challenge. According to Admiral Cary T. Grayson, Red Cross chairman.

Through an intensive educational program, the Red Cross will seek to explode the fallacy that the home is safe. Common and uncommon hazards will be pointed out; individual families will be shown how these hazards may be eliminated and instruction will be given in the avoidance of unsafe habits and practices apt to cause accidents.

Preparations have been made to inspect more than 39,000,000 homes, the inspection to be conducted by home dwellers themselves. Through the cooperation of educational groups, the school child will take a specially prepared inspection form into the home

and survey it for hazards with the help of parent or relative.

Accidents in the homes of America kill more than 80 persons an hour each day, and run up a medical, nursing and insurance bill exceeding \$1,000 per minute. Farm work accidents last year took more than 4,000 lives and maimed many permanently.

Accident prevention is a natural outgrowth of Red Cross instruction in first aid, a service initiated 25 years ago and responsible annually for saving many lives and preventing minor accidents from having major consequences.