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H. A. Young, Editor

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21st day of October, 1935. J. J. Stanley, Notary Public for Oregon. My commission expires Dec. 4, 1935.

NEW DELINQUENT TAX BILL

As a substitute for the delinquent tax bill vetoed by Governor Martin, S B 10 by Hess and Hockett has administration support. It is intended to help the "going concern" taxpayer continue to operate, so he will not be foreclosed and his pay roll thrown on relief. To operate, the taxpayer must be making enough profit to keep up payment of his current taxes each year plus one-fourth of his oldest year's delinquency. With this profit he has a chance to survive under this bill, while he would have to make a large annual profit to enable him to pay out his heavy accumulated delinquent tax load under existing law.

To help this class of taxpayer, S B 10 suspends foreclosure, back interest and back penalty while he keeps up his current taxes and his quarterly annual installments. If he lapses, he is in trouble again.

More revenue may come in, and it may come in with more steadiness, if this bill works out, than will be the case under existing law. It ought to tend to stabilize the situation for the bond-owner, the tax-creditor and the governmental unit. Many of these concerns have adjusted with their own bondholders so they can survive provided their delinquent tax load is not permitted to crush them out of existence. If this new plan stands up, or can be amended into better form, it ought to be a good thing for all concerned. The economic contribution by maintaining a pay roll that otherwise would go down, and by stabilizing revenue of government, is worth every possible effort to attain. The vetoed bills went too far; the new measure is better balanced—Oregon Voter.



There appears to be a serious possibility of a stalemate over the state capitol issue. Governor Martin in his message to the legislature declared himself as unalterably opposed to the erection of a new state house on the old site. Close friends of the governor have intimated that he might go so far as to veto the capitol construction bill if it provided for the use of the old site without any additions. On the other hand the State Grange, through its legislative lobby and its spokesmen on the floor of the house and senate, have served notice that they were prepared to throw a monkey wrench into the machinery if the session voted for more ground on which to build the new capitol.

In either event there would be no new capitol as a result of the special session, or at least not for some time. While Grange representatives hint at a referendum to carry the capitol site issue to the people, any such program could easily be defeated by merely attaching the emergency clause to the capitol construction bill. There would, however, remain recourse to the courts in an injunction proceeding to test the validity of the appropriation or any other financial scheme the session might adopt, a proceeding which would delay the capitol program if not actually defeat it.

Four capitol bills are now before the senate and house committees dealing with this subject. Two of these—one by Senator Burke and the other by the joint committee—provide for reconstruction on the old site; a second committee bill provides for construction on an enlarged site including Willamette university campus; the third committee bill provides for construction of the new state

house on the Candalaria Heights site, south of Salem.

Sentiment among the legislators appears to favor the old site, with the expansionists divided as between the campus and Candalaria.

State Treasurer Holman has publicly declared himself as emphatically opposed to any more interest bearing debts. The people of Oregon, he points out, are now paying \$10,000,000 a year on the combined public debt of the state, counties, school districts and other subdivisions.

The State Planning Board has notified Governor Martin that it intends to make a careful study of the present properties and needs of state institutions for future physical improvements, "so that future construction may be thoughtfully programmed in advance and carried out in orderly sequence as funds are provided."

Harry Corbett, president of the state senate, and Clint Haight, representative from Grant county, have at least one interest in common. Neither use tailor-made cigarettes. Both roll their own and use the same brand of "makins," a brand said to be almost universally used by cowboys and men of the prairie country generally. One day this week a messenger from the senate made his way to the desk of Representative Haight with an important-looking package. Opened it was found to contain a sack of Haight's favorite cigarette tobacco and a package of papers with the compliment of the senate president.

Smoke rolling up the elevator shaft from the basement of the supreme court building during the noon hour created quite a commotion among officials and employees who happened to be on the job at that time of day. The blaze, starting from an overheated motor, was quickly extinguished with but little loss or damage.

Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian, does not want the supreme court building for a library, as has been suggested. The building, she points out, is not suited to library purposes and any attempt to remodel it would only be perpetuating inefficiency.

State Treasurer Holman has suggested the creation of a revolving fund of the various cash surpluses which his department has on hand in order to facilitate the use of this cash for any legitimate state function. At the present time the state's cash surplus in the numerous funds handled by the treasury department aggregate nearly \$10,000,000 most of which is lying idle in banks without earning any interest.

Petitions for three initiative measures will soon be in circulation about the state. These include the proposed constitutional amendment requiring annual election, sponsored by W. P. Wagon, of Portland, and the state power bill and state bank bill, both sponsored by the State Grange and Federation of Labor. Ballot titles for all three have just been completed by Attorney General Van Winkle.

A commission of seven members will supervise construction of the new capitol building, if the legislature adopts the recommendations of its capitol reconstruction committee, but the members of the state board of control refuse to act as members of that committee.

This commission will select the architect and decide the type of building as well as fix its definite location, all within certain limitations to be established by the legislature. So far it seems to be taken for granted that the new state house and its furnishings and equipment will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,500,000 with the federal government putting up 45 per cent of the amount and the state the remaining 55 per cent of the total. Out of this total the legislature may authorize the commission to spend up to ten per cent—possibly 15 per cent, if PWA is agreeable—for additional land for the building.

Discussion of sites has now simmered down to the old site and the old site with additions. This latter would include either the Willamette university campus or several residential blocks just north of the state property with a lively fight in prospect in both branches whatever the outcome might be.

Dunham Wright, 93, only surviving member of the legislature of 1872 which authorized construction of the old capitol building, addressed the legislature in joint assembly Tuesday afternoon. Apparently there was as much controversy over costs and sites at that time as there is now in connection with the capitol reconstruction program.

Members of the house and senate who are not on any of the major committees are becoming restive under the monotony of sitting around waiting for a chance to vote on the capitol issue. Clint Haight, who runs the Blue Mountain Eagle at Canyon City when he isn't representing his

district in the legislature, started a miniature revolt Tuesday when he got up on his hind legs and insisted on action, criticizing the governor and his planning board for failure to provide more information relative to the proposed new building.

The present session gives every promise of going down in history as one of the most extravagant special sessions in the history of the state. There were 184 employees on the house and senate payrolls the first week compared to 162 for the last special session. Criticism of this situation resulted in a slight thinning out of the house employees but they are still ahead of the second special of 1933. Many committees which so far have had nothing to do, have employed a chief clerk, just in case. Most of the patronage in the house has been handed out by a committee composed of Bull of Union, Eckerley of Clackamas and Barnes of Multnomah. Hannah Martin of Marion, who is credited with lining up enough republican support to put over Latourrette as speaker, has also been doing her share of handing out the plums in the house.

Counties would be relieved of all financial responsibility for payment of old age pensions after 1936 if a bill by Senators Bynon and Wallace meets with the legislative favor. The bill would shift the county load to the shoulders of the state, except that taxes to be levied for old age assistance by the counties this year would be turned over to the state relief committee to supplement the \$1,000,000 state appropriation in matching federal funds for old age pensions. The bill would also reduce the age limit of pensioners from 70 to 65 years. Other amendments in the bill would make the Oregon act conform to the federal act in the matter of residence requirements.

Dangers of Home-Canned Fish and Meats

(Oregon State Board of Health)

On a Friday evening five persons sat down to a hastily prepared meal of home-canned salmon. Today the housewife is dead and the lives of three others are threatened by one of the most deadly poisons known to mankind. A history of this outbreak is given in detail in order that others may be warned of the dangers of serving improperly home-canned foods.

The history is typical of outbreaks of this dangerous food poisoning. Monday morning the husband, who is a farmer, discovered that he was seeing double and that he was having considerable trouble in walking. He at once became alarmed and immediately asked his wife if she had felt any bad effects. She replied that her vision was not clear and that she felt dizzy. The farmer remembered that he had as guests that evening a merchant and his wife. Not being able to drive his own automobile, he asked a neighbor to drive him to the city. He called upon the merchant at his place of business and requested that the busy merchant give him a few minutes time as he had something very important to tell him. He asked the merchant if he had felt any ill effects from the meal eaten at his home, and it then became apparent to the merchant that he had had considerable difficulty in conducting his business that morning due to objects appearing double and to having some difficulty in walking. The merchant then called his wife and found that she also was suffering from poor vision and had had some difficulty in swallowing. A physician was called and he quickly made a diagnosis of botulism.

In spite of a number of warnings by the State Board of Health, outbreaks of botulism continue to recur in this state. Botulism is rather a rare disease but will always occur in districts where home-canned methods are still continued. The germ and the spore are not harmful when eaten unless they are associated with pre-formed toxin. The germ does not form toxin within the body. The toxin is developed in suitable culture mediums under conditions where there is a lack of oxygen or air. Many of the foods we eat form suitable mediums for the growth of the botulism bacillus, especially when foods are canned in air-tight containers. All that is necessary for the formation of the poison in many kinds of canned food is that the spores of the organism remain alive within the container after it has been canned.

Experiment has shown that these spores will resist a temperature of boiling water for several hours and that the only certain method of destroying them within the limits of time applicable to canning foods is by heating at a temperature considerably above that of boiling water. The only safe method for canning fish and meats and certain vegetables is by the proper use of a pressure cooker. It would be a good plan for rural communities to establish a community canning center. At the present time practically all commercially-canned foods are safe for the simple reason that they are all prepared by being sterilized in pressure cookers.

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Helps Stabilize Agriculture

Inaugurated to help farmers stabilize the agricultural industry by promptly marketing great quantities of produce at the peak of seasonal production, the so-called "grower-consumer campaigns" of Safeway Stores have been acclaimed by governors and other officials of ten western states as a great public service, it was revealed today.

Now a major merchandising policy, this "help the farmer" movement has been extended to cover 21 states and includes all major farm products, according to L. A. Warren, president of Safeway Stores.

Under this plan enormous quantities of agricultural commodities, which are marketed through intensive newspaper advertising and aggressive sales and promotion mediums, are moved into immediate consumption thus giving the farmer a prompt cash return for his products, it was announced.

The idea began four years ago when sheep men were faced with financial ruin, because of enormous surpluses, and through Safeway co-operation in that critical period 15,000 lambs were marketed in practically two days. This co-operative movement resulted in financial salvation for the sheep industry, leaders said.

Out of this effort came other campaigns, instituted at the behest of producers who had witnessed the sensational merchandising accomplishment.

Ex-Governor W. P. Hunt of Arizona, in a letter to Safeway, commended the campaigns as a potent factor in helping increase consumption of farmers' products.

Report cases of cruelty to children and animals to Humane Society, Medford. Complaints must be signed by two or more witnesses. Information confidential.

WARRANT REDEMPTION NOTICE
Warrants No. 785 to No. 811 included against Union High School District, No. 3, Riverport, Oregon, will be paid upon presentation to the clerk.

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Gas Tax Tops All Records

The largest collections of gasoline taxes in the history of the state were recorded during the last three months, with nearly three million dollars received by Earl Snell, secretary of state.

September was another peak month, with \$887,000 paid in, bringing the total revenue from motor fuels taxes to \$2,800,000 for the quarter year. Receipts of \$958,000 in August set the high mark for all time in gas collections and July, with \$954,000, closely approached the top mark.

Gross receipts for the nine months of the year totalled nearly \$7,500,000 indicating that during the year, fuel sales will reach approximately ten million dollars, the greatest ever received from this source.

Another all-time high in motor vehicle records has been set this year in the issuance of license plates, with 293,343 distributed up to September 30 by Earl Snell, secretary of state. In 1934, 272,745 vehicles were listed to September 30.

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