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Pity the ether during the next four months. We humans can turn the dial if the campaign speakers do not suit.

The right of counties and cities to retain traffic fines growing out of arrests by state police is to be determined in a friendly suit to be instituted by State Treasurer Holman against Multnomah county.

Landon and Knox, Roosevelt and Garner, Thomas and Nelson—the latter the socialist candidates for president and vice president—will be the offerings to the voters in Oregon at the November election. And it promises to be the hottest fight this country has seen in many a leap-year. It may perhaps be a dirty fight, but if it eliminates Jim Farley as a factor in running the government it will be worth while.

Norman Thomas and Geo. A. Nelson, Wisconsin farmer, will not be able to run as socialist candidates but must enter as independents because the socialist party has not cast enough votes in recent elections to give it a standing on the Oregon ballot.

The one cent raise in the price of milk which went into effect in Oregon on Wednesday was ordered by the state Milk Control Board. For four per cent milk the price as set is now seven cents per pint, 11 cents per quart.

An article furnished by the Milk Board, which appears elsewhere in this issue, gives the board's reasons for advancing the price at the flush of the season when the supply is greater than at any other period of the year.

And until the state law which authorized establishment of the milk board is tested in the courts for its constitutionality the price fixed must be charged by all dealers.

Whether a state law fixing prices is any more constitutional than the federal price-fixing statutes which have been knocked out by the U. S. supreme court remains to be seen.

SPENDING RECORD SET BY CONGRESS

The seventy-fourth congress, just adjourned, set an all time high record for free spending, a check-up has revealed. Total appropriations for the first and second sessions were \$19,296,187,373, a new record for appropriations by either a peace time or a war time congress.

These totals, which are those of Senator Glass, chairman of the senate appropriations committee, do not include contract authorizations for the army, navy and other departments nor re-appropriated monies left over from appropriations made by other congresses.

Each session of the seventy-fourth congress spent almost exactly the same amount. The first session, from January 3 to August 26, 1935, appropriated \$9,579,756,510 and the second session which began last January 3 and adjourned on June 21 appropriated \$9,716,430,863.

Included in the grants of the "twenty-billion dollar congress" were \$1,730,000,000 for payment of the soldiers' bonus, \$1,425,000,000 for relief, nearly \$1,100,000,000 to the army and navy, \$440,000,000 to start the soil conservation service on its way, \$296,000,000 to liquidate contracts invalidated when the Supreme Court ruled the AAA unconstitutional; \$308,000,000 for the Civilian Conservation Corps and \$459,000,000 to finance the new social security program, made during the second session.

While \$800,000,000 in new taxes were levied, the actual reaching down into the general electorate for taxes to meet government costs was postponed until after the November elections.

State Treasurer Holman this week served notice that he proposes to renew his fight for the pooling of state-owned automobiles at the next legislative session. Under this plan all state-owned cars would be kept in a central garage and sent out on call from state employees and officials. The plan would reduce the number of state cars. The proposal was defeated by a narrow margin at the last legislative session.



Overhead costs absorb 22 cents out of every relief dollar spent in Oregon, according to Wallace S. Wharton, executive secretary to Governor Martin and head of the state budget department. In a report on the administration of direct relief in this state Wharton attacked the overhead costs as excessive, pointing out that the State Industrial Accident commission, whose activities he declared to be comparable to those of the state relief committee, operated on an overhead cost of only 3.5 per cent.

During the five months ending May 31, Wharton pointed out, a total of \$1,328,926.30 had been spent on direct relief in Oregon including \$292,277.90 in administrative expenses. The cost of administering relief in the various counties range from 9.211 per cent in Hood River county to as high as 60.1 per cent in Jefferson county. Overhead costs of relief in other counties are shown in Wharton's report as follows: Baker, 12.436%; Benton, 19.316%; Clackamas, 12.446%; Columbia, 17.993%; Coos, 29.084%; Deschutes, 13.407%; Gilliam, 24.042%; Jackson, 11.409%; Josephine, 21.634%; Lake, 15.849%; Lane, 14.514%; Lincoln, 19.993%; Linn, 14.671%; Marion, 17.073%; Morrow, 20.619%; Multnomah, 21.495%; Polk, 10.774%; Sherman, 12.5%; Umatilla, 16.73%; Union, 16.9%; Wasco, 11.559%; Washington, 20.916%; Yamhill, 15.194%.

Expenditures for relief in the various counties, including administrative costs, are shown as follows for the five-month period:

Baker, \$24,801.10; Benton, \$13,043.73; Clackamas, \$67,031.67; Columbia, \$19,380.23; Coos, \$24,520.47; Deschutes, \$17,891.86; Gilliam, \$3,643.93; Hood River, \$14,758.68; Jackson, \$33,765.57; Josephine, \$13,260.99; Lake, \$6,482.23; Lane, \$62,569.09; Lincoln, \$12,293.27; Linn, \$33,204.98; Marion, \$53,664.98; Morrow, \$3,921.23; Multnomah, \$581,935.65; Polk, \$14,719.03; Sherman, \$1,980.14; Umatilla, \$26,160.03; Union, \$17,381.69; Wasco, \$22,697.68; Washington, \$22,607.84; Yamhill, \$22,338.99.

Sponsors of peoples' utility districts in Oregon have until midnight of Saturday, September 12, to file their completed petitions in order to get their proposals on the November ballot, according to C. E. Stricklin, state engineer. Information received here is to the effect that petitions are being circulated in both Marion and Linn counties. No indication has been received that sponsors of the proposed super-district comprising seven counties of northwestern Oregon, are pushing their proposal.

Governor Martin did not attend the meeting of his relief committee in Portland as he had announced that he would. His advisers are understood to have convinced the chief executive that in this particular instance discretion would be the better part of valor and persuaded him to steer clear of the session to which he sent Budget Director Wharton.

Now that the floor plans of the new capitol have been revised to the satisfaction of all concerned drafting of the building plans are expected to go forward rapidly. Under the revised plans the new building will have corridors running the full length of the two wings with entrances at both ends of the building as well as at the front. Four of the proposed nine elevators and a number of stairways have also been eliminated in the interest of economy in operation as well as construction costs.

Records of the state prison show that of the 62 minor felons now incarcerated in that institution four are serving life terms—two for murder and two others for robbery while armed with a deadly weapon. Six other youthful convicts are serving long terms for crimes of violence. Thirty-one of the young felons had prison records before entering the Oregon penitentiary. Sixteen of them had served terms in county jails—some as many as three. Seventeen had been inmates of training schools. Two had done time in reformatories and ten had served in other penitentiaries. At least two of the young criminals had seen the inside of county jails, training schools and other penitentiaries before entering the "big house" at the end of State street. One of the youngsters, under a two-year sentence, is only 15 years of age. Five of the boys are 17 years of age, fifteen are 18 years of age, nineteen are 19 years of age, and 21 have passed their 20th birthday.

Only three boys have been transferred from the state prison to the boys' training school at Woodburn so far under the order issued by Governor Martin a week ago. Selection of the boys for transfer was made by Warden Lewis of the prison, Superintendent Laughlin of the boys' school and E. M. Duffy, state parole officer. All admit that the plan is in the nature of an experiment. Additional transfers will probably be made soon although it is not expected that many of the young criminals now in the penitentiary will be sent to the Woodburn school.

Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital, was wearing a plaster on his nose this week as the result of an attack by Dr. R. Bywater, formerly of Grants Pass, now confined in the criminal insane ward of the Salem institution. Bywater struck Steiner in the face as the superintendent was talking to him while making his rounds of the hospital. Bywater, who was committed to the institution three years ago, has been confined in the criminal ward for the past two years and is regarded as one of the most dangerous wards in the custody of the institution.

Jack Allen, of Pendleton, is being mentioned as a possible successor to Elmer Goudy as state relief administrator in the event of a shake-up in the relief organization as has been predicted. Allen was formerly state senator from Umatilla county and more recently was state liquor administrator.

Acquisition of the four residential blocks bordering on Summer street and directly north of the site of the new capitol would cost the state more than \$500,000 it is estimated here based upon the assessed valuation of this property. The capitol architects have recommended acquisition of this property as necessary to a well rounded construction program.

A total of \$218,436,067 has been spent on Oregon highways under the supervision of the state highway department since that department was created in 1917. Of this total \$169,809,956 came out of state funds, \$32,359,830 was provided by the federal government, \$15,590,541 was contributed by the several counties and \$675,740 came from miscellaneous sources.

P. T. A. Welcomes Dads Says National President
 (From the Oregonian)
 Poor dad! Mother just didn't want him around at her club meetin'. So when the Parent-Teacher clubs were formed, they were a mothers' educational group pure and simple. This was 40 years ago. But today father is welcome, according to Mrs. B. F. Langworthy of Winnetka, Ill., president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

"They didn't consider father at all when our organization started in Washington, D. C.," declared Mrs. Langworthy yesterday at the Heathman hotel. "For ten years it was that way, and father's part in this work was like his duties in religion, it was taken out in his wife's name. But now we are anxious to have father take a real interest in the work—he is considered a parent."

"We have a number of clubs that have men presidents; some places there are father's clubs, and they are successful, for the men make smokers out of them and get out to the meetings. Personally, I prefer men and women to work together in our organization, but if they want to work separately it is all right by me."

Mrs. Langworthy said her objection to men for presidents of Parent-Teacher clubs is they usually leave the work for the vice-presidents, who are women. So her ladyship might as well have the honors that go with the chores.

"How many members have you paying dues?" was inquired.
 "Nearly 2,000,000," came the proud reply, "in more than 25,000 units; we have state organizations in every state but Nevada—Reno, you know! This year we have a very special project—safety."

"We are putting forth a safety educational program, making a real drive to interest everyone in this important subject. And we're going to keep on until something is really done to lessen traffic accidents."

"We are continuing children's round-up, seeing that youngsters who will start to school this fall for the first time are physically and dentally fit to begin class work. And we have started a new work that I am especially interested in, it dealing with boys and girls who have graduated from high school, but have no place to go; they are unable to get employment, so have to stay home or become tramps."

New Cases in Circuit Court
 June 27—E. A. Folsom and Iva Folsom vs. Fred L. Wilson, Beryl T. Wilson, et al. Suit to set aside deed so that proceeds from sale of property may be applied to \$887.27 promissory note held by plaintiffs.
 June 27—Glenada Judd vs. Clifford Judd. Suit for divorce.
 June 30—Emily Josephine Smith vs. Lewis C. Smith. Suit for divorce.
 July 1—Thelma Grace McNeil vs. Robert Allen McNeil. Suit for divorce.

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The Motorcade, sponsored nationally by the American Automobile Association and the C. I. T. safety foundation, will be the trek of one "safest driver" from each state in the Union to New York, where a two-day conference on methods of reducing traffic accidents will be held.

Only those motorists who satisfy the following regulations will be eligible to selection by the judges in each state who will make the selections:

1. He (or she) has driven a private passenger motor vehicle for the last ten years and is still an active driver.
2. He has driven a private passenger motor vehicle at least 50,000 miles in the last ten years.
3. He has had no accident in the last ten years.
4. He has not been convicted for violating any traffic law in the last ten years.

Expenses of each delegate will be paid by the C. I. T. safety foundation on a mileage basis, and hotel accommodations will be provided in New York for three days at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Application blanks may be secured from any Oregon State Motor Association office.

WARRANT REDEMPTION NOTICE

Warrants No. 316 to 341, inclusive, drawn against School District No. 72, Coaledo, will be paid upon presentation to the First National Bank of Coquille. Interest will cease on Friday, July 3.

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