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American industry has given the United States one radio to each six persons as against one radio to every seventeen in the four other leading nations.

While executive salaries and bonuses in American industry amount to only three per cent of total payrolls, taxes on the same companies average 34 per cent of payrolls, a recent study by the National Association of Manufacturers disclosed.



The stage is all set for the biennial session of the legislature which is scheduled to get under way next Monday for a run of 40 days or longer. The same arrangement will prevail as for the special session of 1935 with the House meeting in the Salem armory and the Senate in the dining room of the Marion hotel just across the alley. An enclosed passageway will connect the two buildings to permit the members and employees to go back and forth without danger of drowning in one of the frequent downpours that visit the Willamette valley at this time of year, or of freezing.

Organization of the two branches will probably be agreed upon at pre-session conferences to be held at Salem some time Sunday. Already the choicest plums of the organizations are definitely "in the bag" with Frank Francisovich, of Astoria, slated to preside over the senate and Harry Bolvin, of Klamath Falls, the majority choice as gavel wielder in the house. Fred Drager, veteran chief clerk of the house, is understood to be assured of a return to his old post in spite of the fact that he is a republican and the house is overwhelmingly democratic again. In the senate John Hunt, of Woodburn, will again be at the chief clerk's desk with Mrs. Elizabeth Glat, of Woodburn, as his assistant. Joe Singer, for many years—until 1935—sergeant-at-arms in the house, is understood to be slated for a similar post in the senate at the forthcoming session.

Harry Bolvin came up from Klamath Falls Saturday and has been spending the entire week in Salem and Portland putting the finishing touches to the house organization, preliminary to announcement of his committee assignments promptly after the session gets under way. Francisovich has also been devoting such time the past week to getting his senate organization rounded out although his problem is much simpler than that confronting Bolvin inasmuch as most of the senate members are veterans who will, for the most part, fit right back into their old committee jobs while the house organization must be re-built from the ground up.

Governor Martin has his opening message all ready for delivery. Advance information is that it will be brief and deal principally with the improved condition of the state's financial condition with a plea to the legislators to keep the state on an even keel and not upset the nicely balanced budget by an orgy of wild spending.

Predictions are that the session will run well over the 40 days for which the lawmakers are allowed to draw pay and that it will rank well up the list in the point of legislative volume if not in legislative quality. Outstanding among the problems to come before the session will be proposals to amend the Knox liquor control act and the milk control act, demands on the part of the counties and cities for a re-division of highway revenues, labor legislation looking to compulsory arbitration of disputes between employers and employees when the public interest becomes involved, amendments to the several social security acts including an attempt to increase old age pensions and extend the pension act to include needy persons 65 years of age and over, a proposal to repeal the certificate of necessity clause in the truck and bus act, an attempt to reorganize certain de-

partments of the state government along the same lines as those proposed and defeated in the 1935 session and a program of state buildings including a new library and office building with purchase of additional land on which to locate the new buildings.

From an original investment of \$107,000 the state liquor commission in less than two years has built up a business grossing more than \$7,000,000 annually and returning a profit in excess of \$2,250,000 a year. The \$707,000, borrowed from the general fund in 1934, was repaid this week together with \$14,710 interest. State Treasurer Holman has seized upon the state's experience in financing this venture as an example of what could be done by way of saving interest payments to the taxpayers if all public fund surpluses—state, city, county and school district—were pooled under a plan similar to that in effect in West Virginia and invested, under proper safeguards, in bonds issued by state departments and the various political subdivisions. Under such a plan, Holman argues, the \$10,000,000 a year now being paid by Oregon taxpayers to holders of public bonds could be kept in the public treasury.

The state board of higher education is asking for a legislative appropriation of \$1,332,048 for support of the university, college and three normal schools. This is in addition to the revenues from the special millage levies estimated to raise \$3,570,000 during the biennium. Even if the entire request is granted, the board points out, state support of higher education—appropriation and millage—will still be \$778,089, or 13 per cent, under that for 1929-30. At the same time student enrollment has shown a substantial increase in the past six years with an attendant increase in the cost of operating the five institutions. For the past six years higher education in Oregon has been financed entirely within the special millage revenues. The legislative session of 1931 approved an appropriation of \$1,018,000 for higher education but this was rejected by the voters after Governor Meier had vetoed the emergency clause and laid the appropriation open to attack through the referendum. Then in 1933 the legislature dipped into the millage revenues of the board of higher education to divert \$508,000 to general state purposes. The session of 1935 restored all of the millage revenues with the exception of approximately \$75,000. Budget director Wharton has recommended an appropriation of \$661,688 for higher education but it is understood that the board will carry its case to the legislature in a fight for the entire \$1,332,048 which it claims to be necessary, to keep the five institutions up to their present standards.

Repeal of the present drivers' license law requiring periodic renewal of driving permits would be a serious mistake and a backward step in the opinion of Secretary of State Snell. Representative Hyde, of Lane county, has announced his intention of seeking a return to the old system of perpetual licenses. Even if the fees are not needed for the highway fund Snell urges the need of a periodic check-up on drivers in order to weed out the incompetent operators and instead of repealing the law would strengthen several of its features.

Frank C. McColloch has resigned as public utilities commissioner to become a senior partner in the law firm of Day, Hampson and Nelson in Portland. Prior to becoming utilities commissioner early in 1935 McColloch practiced law in Baker. His successor, N. G. Wallace, of Bend, was a member of the state senate at the 1935 session, filling out the unexpired term of Jay Upton, of Bend.

Five new buildings erected at state institutions during the past biennium represent an investment of approximately \$395,000 with the state paying 55 per cent of the cost and the federal government 45 per cent through its Public Works Administration. A new two-story and basement concrete dormitory at the state hospital for insane provides accommodations for 218 additional patients at that institution. Cost of this building was \$180,000. Two new buildings have been erected at the tuberculosis hospital at Salem. One of these, a three-story brick structure provides accommodations for members of the nursing staff and releases space in the old hospital building for ten more patients. The other is a one-story concrete hospital building of 40-bed capacity. Cost of the two buildings was approximately \$102,000. At the blind school a new two-story-and-basement brick dormitory costing approximately \$82,000 provides sleeping quarters for 50 boys as well as hospital facilities and shops for instruction of the blind students. A nurses home at the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles, costing approximately \$27,000 completes the list.

Approximately 655 miles of state roads were improved during 1933, ac-

cording to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. This includes 19.9 miles of concrete pavement, 14.6 miles of bituminous pavement, 25.3 miles of bituminous macadam wearing surface, 178.3 miles of rock and gravel surfacing, 132.7 miles of grading, 28.6 miles of non-skid treatment of pavement and 256 miles of rock surface oiling. The year's list of improvements also includes 36 bridges and 17 grade separations.

In its campaign to make Oregon highways safer state police arrested 700 motorists for traffic law violations during November. Most of the arrests were for reckless driving, speeding, failure to possess a driver's license and violations of the basic rule. Warning slips were issued to 8601 other motorists who were detected in minor traffic law violations.

Financial Report of the Coquille Relief Association

The following report of receipts and disbursements of the Coquille Relief Association, which functioned from Sept. 28 to the latter part of November last year, is submitted by its treasurer, E. D. Webb. The balance on hand is being held as a nest egg for future emergencies:

Receipts	
Sept. 28 Balance on hand	\$ 65.25
29 Donation Al Buckley	2.00
29 " Myers	2.00
29 " M. C. Miller	20.00
30 " W. H. Fortier	20.00
30 " Shell Oil Co.	250.00
Oct. 1 " Smith Wood-Prod.	250.00
1 " Mrs. Chas. Gardner	5.00
1 " Swift & Co.	250.00
1 " Geo. A. Ulett	50.00
2 " Standard Oil Co.	500.00
2 " R. L. Slater	10.00
5 " James L. Hall	25.00
5 " Mrs. Holmstrom	2.00
6 " Roseburg B.P.W.	17.50
6 " Coquille B.P.W.	25.00
6 " Sale of towels	.10
6 " Wm. E. Buell	5.00
7 " Coquille Hotel	25.00
7 " First Natl. Bank	50.00
7 " O. C. Sanford	10.00
13 Victor Bates adv. repaid	5.00
13 Albert Baird adv repaid	18.00
24 Donation Lions Club	
(for glasses)	129.75
Nov. 16 Sale light globes	3.20
16 Donation Lions Club	
(for glasses)	20.25
Total Receipts	\$1760.05
Disbursements	
To Drugs	\$87.49
To Dry goods and clothing	989.45
To Gas & Oil	156.29
To Glasses	133.25
To Meals for refugees	40.90
To Lights & Power	12.77
To Bandon Women's Civic club	225.00
To Coquille Lions Club refund	23.25
To Administration	35.00
Total Disbursements	\$1702.50
Balance on hand	\$ 57.55

County School Notes

From Mrs. Mulkey's Office
Intermediate Teachers' Officers
Officers of Coos County Intermediate Teachers have been selected by mailed-in ballots. These are as follows: Grace Cox, Millington school, vice-president from Zone 1; March K. Brown, Empire school, vice-president from Zone 2; and Ida Oerding, Catching Creek school, vice-president from Zone 3. Iwth Rosabel Brown, Coquille, president, and Helen Glenn, Bandon, secretary, these will constitute the executive committee which will prepare the programs.

Non-High School Warrants
The Non-High school board is investigating to ascertain the advisability of reducing interest on Non-High school warrants to five per cent. These warrants are in good standing and have been called up through No. 2126 dated July 1, 1935. Many of these warrants have already been turned in on taxes. The Non-High school district embraces all territory not included in a regular or union high district.

Catching Creek
The people in the Catching Creek district enjoy a dinner and play evening together once a month. They have a pot luck dinner at 7:30, after which they have their program of games. Each family is made responsible for one game or stunt.

The Weak Link

(Oregon State Board of Health)
"The fact that a chain only is as strong as its weakest link frequently is demonstrated in connection with the personal health program. It is not sufficient that one be reasonable in nearly all matters pertaining to health, while an easy dictator, nevertheless insists on having links of the preventive chain equally sturdy. Or, to word it otherwise, one bad habit can undo the results of all the other good ones."

"Consider, for example, the man who was accustomed to boast of his careful plan of living, yet possessed the weak link of habitual indulgence in food. Proud that he never used stimulants of any kind, that he got sufficient sleep regularly, that he took daily walks, and in all other

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matters lived 'by the book,' he nevertheless was highly vulnerable to good food. And the cumulative effect of this weakness over a period of years finally made him a chronic invalid.

"There are many persons who, in some such manner, nullify much of the good attained through an otherwise well directed routine of living. In itself, the particular habit may seem to be harmless enough. And, indeed, its persistence over a long period of time may represent its only power to damage. But when the times arrives, the victim will be called strictly to account.

"True, habits affect people in different ways. So-called tolerances markedly differ in individuals. But

the point is to discover what one's physically detrimental habits are, and then eliminate them. It will not do to play favorites in the health game and expect the law of averages to take up the slack.

"Of course, slavish compliance to nature's laws is neither recommended nor valuable. The health-righteousness pendulum frequently swings too far, with a corresponding amount of trouble to such fanatics. On the other hand, reasonable thoughtfulness in all health matters is a procedure of definite merit.

"Therefore, to appreciate nature's requirements and, within limits, to adhere to all of them is a wise, health-giving and life-prolonging rule."

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Safe Driving Pays, Says Portland's Mayor



Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland (left) congratulates Leland James, president of Consolidated Freight Lines, Inc., transcontinental motor freight firm, because the National Safety Council has awarded to 281 Consolidated drivers medals and certificates for being involved in no accidents during the 12 months which ended July 1. Consolidated employs approximately 450 drivers, who covered 11,000,000 miles in eight states in 12 months, with a frequency of accidents on the highways of 1.21 per 100,000 miles.