

5 Divorces Granted

Judge Brand granted five divorces in circuit court on Tuesday this week, to the plaintiffs in the following cases:
 Nancy E. Miller vs. Wesley A. Miller.
 Deiborah J. Sandquist vs. Jno. E. Sandquist.
 Lucille V. Thurman vs. Chas H. Thurman.
 Alice E. Miller vs. Raymond Miller.

Aleen Anderson vs. Andrew K. Anderson.

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Residents of Oregon enjoyed a greater measure of prosperity in 1939 than they did in 1938 if income tax returns can be accepted as a reliable barometer.

A study just completed by Tax Commissioner Earl Fisher shows that net incomes individuals reporting to the commission in this state are running approximately 16.47 higher than the incomes of the same individuals the previous year.

Tax payments are also higher, not only because the net incomes are larger but because of the boost in the tax rate by the last legislature. Commissioner Fisher's study made from tax returns taken at random from the files of the department shows that although individuals in the low income bracket—under \$2000 net—enjoyed an increase of 8.47 per cent in their income in 1939 they actually paid less taxes by 7.73 per cent on their 1939 income than they did on their 1938 income. Individuals in the medium salary bracket—\$2000 to \$4000—were not so fortunate. While they show an increase of 15.31 per cent income their tax payments have increased by 43.34 per cent. And in the \$4000-\$7000 income bracket with incomes 36.23 higher in 1939 than in 1938 tax payments were 86.23 per cent greater this year than last.

Property owners are offered a bit of comfort in Fisher's report which shows that except for the income tax they would be paying 6.4 mills more toward the support of state government this year. All told, since the present income tax became operative in 1930 revenues from this source have aggregated \$35,051,188.02, all of which has gone toward reduction of the property tax levy, Commissioner Fisher pointed out.

The Oregon Pension Federation initiated its own pension measure this week. The measure seeks to insure all persons over 65 years of age of an income of \$40 a month. That is, if an aged person has an income under this amount, the difference is to be made up through a pension to be shared equally by the state and federal governments. No proposal for raising the necessary revenue to finance such a program is included in the measure, the sponsors insisting this is a function of the legislature.

Members of the Oregon national guard will probably put in three full weeks of intensive training this year instead of the customary two weeks, according to information from guard headquarters in Salem. Furthermore the training which will take place, "probably in August" will be held at some other point than Camp Clat-

sop. This information seems to confirm rumors current for some time that the guard units of all northwest states will probably again this year at Fort Lewis where they will engage in "army maneuvers" in co-operation with regular army troops. Major General George A. White, commander of the 41st division, is now in Washington, D. C., attending a conference of division commanders where it is understood the training program is under consideration.

Governor Sprague, who this week asked for the resignations of the members of the San Francisco World's Fair commission, has said that he would not appoint a new commission unless and until the State Emergency Board has approved an appropriation to finance an Oregon exhibit at the 1940 fair. The commission has presented a tentative budget calling for the expenditure of \$35,000 for the 1940 exhibit but Budget Director has trimmed this to \$20,000 of which the Emergency Board will be asked to provide \$10,000 with the Highway Commission providing the other \$10,000 from its tourist travel information fund.

With only ten days remaining until the doors will close on the entries for the primary race, filings of candidates have hit a decidedly faster tempo this past week—a tempo that can be expected to increase day by day as the dead line approaches.

Among the outstanding political developments of the week was the entry of Vice President John Nance Garner into the Oregon primary in his fight for the democratic nomination for president. Former governor Chas. H. Martin also dropped his name into the post as a candidate for delegate to the democratic national convention. He wants to help nominate Garner. Floyd J. Cook, of Portland, filed his formal declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for state treasurer, thus assuring Earl Hill, of Cushman, opposition for that honor.

Arthur M. Geary, of Portland, threw a small-sized bomb shell into the Ralph Cake camp when he suddenly, and without previous warning, filed as a candidate for the job of republican national committeeman, a post for which Cake has already filed. Rex Ellis, of Pendleton, for two terms state senator from Umatilla county, announced himself as a candidate for Congress from the second district in opposition to the democratic incumbent, Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande. I. H. Van Winkle filed as a candidate for the republican nomination for attorney general and Bruce Spalding, Polk county democrat, announced that he will also be a candidate for that post with rumors still persisting that Ralph Hamilton, of Bend, will also enter the republican lists for this same office.

P. J. Stadelman, of The Dalles, while in Salem, this week let it be known that he would not yield to demands that he become a candidate for state treasurer but would content himself with a try for another term in the senate, but the rumor still persists that Leslie Scott, Portland republican, will probably get into the republican race for this office which is being vacated by democratic Walter Pearson at the end of the current year.

Oregon property owners who feel themselves overburdened with taxes may well envy residents of the little town of Shaniko in Wasco county, which boasts the lowest combined tax levy of any Oregon municipality. A study of city tax levies just completed by Walter Pearson, state treasurer, shows that Shaniko's combined levy—for state, county, school and city purposes, is only 21.8 mills. On the other hand property owners who do not own any thing in Bay City in Tillamook county, have cause for congratulations on that score. For this little Tillamook county community with a levy of 117.3 mills, has the highest tax rate of any Oregon municipality. Pearson's tax study shows that 97 Oregon cities increased their levy this year while 99 other municipalities reduced their levies.

When the senate interim committee on executive appointments meets in Portland on March 30, it will have two appointments to the State Board of Higher Education under consideration. Governor Sprague this week named R. C. Groesbeck, Klamath Falls attorney, to this board to succeed Herman Oliver of John Day, who has resigned, effective March 31, when he is to succeed E. B. Aldrich, of Pendleton, as a member of the State Highway commission. The governor had previously announced the appointment of Mac Hoke, of Pendleton, to succeed Edward C. Pease, of The Dalles, on the higher education board. Both appointments are subject to approval by the senate committee.

Apportionment of \$153,121.37, representing the state's share of the revenues of the forest reserves, was completed this week by Secretary of State Snell. Thirty-one of the state's 36

counties participated in the apportionment which, based upon the forest reserve area in each county, ranged from a high of \$49,673.36 to Grant county to a low of \$16.13 to Polk county.

Allan Hall Talks To Pro American

Coquille Chapter of Pro America met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Watson on Monday afternoon, March 18, 1940. Allan A. Hall, attorney of Marshfield and a republican candidate for district attorney in the May primaries, addressed the meeting on the subject of "Our Government and the 'isms' of Europe," which was followed by a discussion of the ideas brought out in his talk. At the close of the meeting tea was served.

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