

NEW FIGHT LOOMS ON STATE POLICE

Opposition Expected to Obtain Publicity Through Butler's Visit.

Robert C. Notson writing for the Morning Oregonian has the following to say of the Oregon state police:

When Major-General Smedley D. Butler, picturesque leader of American marines, arrives in Oregon next week to undertake the organization of the state police department under the authority of an executive commission, he may find a movement well underway to destroy his temporary command and remove the purpose for his extraordinary visit.

This may be accomplished by the expedient of invoking the referendum on the legislative enactment creating the state police department, preliminary steps for which were taken last week with the presentation of an application to Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, at Salem for a ballot title and petitions with which to start the gathering of the names necessary to place the measure on the ballot at the general election next year.

The movement, while not aimed directly at General Butler, is timed to capitalize on his appearance in Oregon and the publicity accorded his visit in order to stimulate opposition to the new constabulary system. It is the belief of the backers of the movement that the coming of the fiery marine may not be well received by a very considerable portion of Oregon's citizenry. They describe the state police system as a "reversion to Cossackism of old Russia."

The referendum is sponsored by Independence Hall of Oregon, Inc., an organized independent political group. Circulation of the petitions, it is understood, is to be undertaken at once in order that they may be completed, checked and filed with the secretary of state by midnight, June 5. The referendum must be invoked by the petition method by that time or the law, under the provisions of the state constitution, will go into effect. The measures provide that the department of police shall become an entity on August 1.

The petition circulators must obtain the signatures of 10,680 qualified voters. If the necessary number of names is obtained within the time limit, operations of the law would be suspended until the voters might pass on the measure at the general election in November, 1932.

The police bill would create a centralized bureau for the enforcement of all state criminal laws, combining the state traffic force, the state game and fish wardens and the law enforce-

Highway Beautification Plan Explained by Judge Robert W. Sawyer, Bend

Oregon State College.—Preservation of the beauty of Oregon highways through the elimination of roadside advertising in non-commercial locations, by giving additional protection to wild life of the state, and by the provision and maintenance of parks along the highways to provide rest and comfort for the tourist traveler was advocated by Judge Robert W. Sawyer of Bend, former state highway commissioner, in speaking over KOAC, the Oregon State college station, recently.

Already the forest service has broadened its policy so that hereafter the timber in its control on the Oregon highways will be left and the traveler will be presented with the appearance of an unbroken forest, Judge Sawyer said.

The new law to go into effect in June protecting the sea lion is one step toward the preservation of wild life, he pointed out.

"Highway beautification is taking the interest of the people in every state in the Union," he said, "but in Oregon beautification does not mean entering upon extensive programs of roadside gardening and tree planting. It means only the preservation of what we have, or where the beauty is beginning to go because of advertising. Oregon is beautiful already, and its roadides are largely beautiful, but they will remain so only as we see that they are kept undefiled and unspoiled."

Not Guilty, Is Plea

O. O. Baker, alias Charles O. Baker, formerly of Pendleton, Ore., entered a plea of not guilty at Yakima to a charge of first degree murder for the slaying of Frank Smiley of Walla Walla, in a shack last December. The trial for Baker, who was brought from Los Angeles, was set for May 11. Baker retained Oscar Bandlin, Sandpoint, Idaho, as counsel.

Salmon Running Strong

One of the heaviest salmon runs in years was reported in progress at The Dalles Saturday. Commercial fishermen were making record catches while the Indian colony at Celilo was alive with tribesmen wielding dipnets and spears.

ment officers of the prohibition commission and the state fire marshal into one department and under one command. The organization would be similar to the Canadian royal mounted police, the Texas rangers and the state constabularies of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New Jersey.

The superintendent of police would be appointed by the governor and would serve directly under him in the performance of his duties. Creation of the department was urged by Governor Meier and its course through the legislature was guided by the administration forces.

OREGON HERDS HIGH IN DAIRY RECORDS

National Honor Roll Lists 273 Farmers Whose Cows Made High Fat Average.

Oregon State College.—Herds owned by 273 Oregon dairymen have been placed on the national herd honor roll for 1930, according to announcement made by Roger W. Morse, dairy specialist of the Oregon State college extension service.

This honor is accorded each year to dairymen whose herds have been on test in a herd improvement association during the year, and have produced an average of more than 300 pounds of butterfat per cow. They are also awarded diplomas.

All of the 12 Oregon associations whose testing year ended January 1, are represented on this year's national honor roll. The Tillamook association leads with 50 honor members, whose herds averaged from 300 to 454 pounds of butterfat for one year.

The Umatilla association was next with 28 herds on the honor roll, followed by Wallowa and Coquille valleys, each with 27, Yamhill 24, Redmond 23, Union 21, Melowest No. 2 at Marshfield 19, Melowest No. 1 at Marshfield 15, Baker 14, Pine Eagle at Richland 13, and Hood River 12.

Oregon ranks fifth in the United States as to percentage of herds in dairy herd improvement associations, according to Morse. States ranking above Oregon in this respect, in order, are California, Arizona, New Jersey and New Hampshire.

Airport to Be Dedicated

The Dalles.—The Dalles airport will be dedicated on May 30 and will be named Case field, in memory of Walter E. Case, air mail flier who lost his life in the Columbia gorge. Mrs. Walter E. Case has signified her pleasure over this tribute to her husband, and will be here to take part in the dedication ceremony, it was announced. Directors decided on this name for the local field despite the fact that a private field in Portland already is using it. The widow is said to favor the Dalles airport, rather than the Portland field, as a perpetual memorial to her husband.

Murder Mystery Unsolved

The brutal murder of James Iverson, Silverton night officer, who was shot down while making his rounds of the business district early Saturday, has not been solved. Officers were agreed, however, that the murder was the result of a grudge and was not committed with the motive of robbery.

High School Notes

Humor

(Marjorie Douglas)
A few definitions of humor are: wit, merriment, the tendency to look at things from a mirthful or incongruous (which means inharmonious) side, caprice, proud conceit, and temper.

After all of these various definitions, it should not be hard for anyone to assemble some thoughts and write on humor. However, there are a few exceptions. Most people think of humor as something boisterously funny. They do not appreciate the really good humor which comes all prepared for us in high school English Literature Books I, II, III and IV.

A few people, I will not say all, as I do not by any means know them, try to say humorous things when in front of a crowd of people. If, as Mr. Leacock tells us in one of his essays, they were told what they say is not humor and sounds more like satire, they would collapse with anger.

One of the hardest things to do is to write something humorous and its equal is to write about humor. I believe that to write intelligently on humor a person should study people and their reaction to humor as different people see it. This is why this article has come to a close.

Another Victory for Athena

The Athena locals defeated the Grizwold nine Friday, May 1, on the home grounds in a fast seven inning game with a margin score of 3 to 2. The first inning gave the Grizzlies one point, but the locals, next up, drove in a run to tie the score. In the second inning both teams made another run, making the score 2-2. After the first two innings both teams tightened up and neither team was able to score. During the last of the game Jenkins, short stop, came in giving the locals a one point lead. J. Moore, catcher made two scores in the first few innings of the game for the Athenians.

Typing I Does Projects

The typing I class has been working on projects. The projects were to be as nearly perfect as possible. The students were graded on their accuracy and the length of time necessary to complete the projects.

Grades

Jean Standage is out with measles. Glenn Dowd and Louise Ringel are absent from school.

The seventh and eighth grades are reviewing for their final examinations.

The seventh and eighth grades are planning a picnic for Thursday.

The Athena grades will play the Weston grades in baseball here, Tuesday afternoon.

Juniors Plan Decorations

The Juniors are starting plans to decorate the auditorium for Commencement, May 15.

Grades Observe Oregon Day

Many were the Indians who greeted the eyes of those fortunate enough to see the program put on at the school auditorium Friday, May 1, by the grades.

The program was opened by an Indian play in which Robert Weber acted very well as chief of the Indians, David Lowe as medicine man and Wilma McIntyre, as the chief's daughter, who was given as a sacrifice to the irate gods. A number of Indian maidens and braves played by numerous pupils was portrayed very well.

Everyone present then sang the state song "Oregon My Oregon." The first and second grades put on an "Oregon Acrostic" which was done very nicely.

Bonnie Johnson gave the "Story of the State Bird" which is the Meadow Lark. Cecil Clemons recited "An Oregon Sun Knows Where to Set."

At the conclusion Jewell Pinkerton told the story "The Covered Wagon."

Between some of the acts Dolores Taylor tap-danced. Tillman Taylor and Beverly Barrett also did a tap-dance.

Rates Aid to Farmers Go Into Effect June 1

Spokane.—New freight rates, long awaited, which will save the Inland Empire farmers \$1,500,000 will go into effect June 1. Reports from Washington, D. C. says that the interstate commerce commission dismissed all petitions on hearings or reconsideration not previously disposed of and has issued an order which makes the new western rates apply to both water carriers and railroads.

Reduction of from 1 to 8 cents a hundred on grain movements from the Inland Empire and western Montana points to Coast terminals are included in the new schedule.

A charge of 2 cents a hundred-weight for storage of grain in transit is specified by the commission, but in considering the question of halting shipments in transit for other causes, the commission ruled that two such stops might be made without charge. The other specifies that stopping grain in transit for making mixed feed is to be considered one such stop.

La Grande Wins Meet

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A Mother's Day sermon will feature the service at the 11 o'clock hour. This is one of the most honorable of the special days of the year. Worshiping Mothers' God in the public assembly is a splendid way to honor Mother. The high school baccalaureate service will be in our church in the evening hour. This union service will attract a large number.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Gerald C. Dryden, Minister

Sunday school, 10 a. m. We have a class for everybody so come and learn more of the word. The young People's class is going to have a special Mother's Day program for us following the study hour. At 11 a. m. mothers are to be honored in our morning service in both music and message. The subject will be "Moth-

ers." All mothers are especially invited. B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m. We will have no evening worship service but will join in the baccalaureate service in the Christian church. Thursday at 8 p. m. we will have our regular prayer services. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

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