

OREGON STATE LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

Highlights of the Oregon legislature beginning Monday, February 13th:

One-man state tax commission bill indefinitely postponed.

Senate would relieve counties of paying for support of non-violent insane.

Non-partisan ballot made more elastic by senate.

Governor asks legislature to control local tax bodies.

Bill offered to curb evasion of payment of gasoline tax.

Franklin W. Fort, chairman Home Loan bank, warns legislators against mortgage moratorium.

Highway commission's conference on finances.

Telephone bill approved by senate.

Tax Board Bill Killed.

The Burke-Brown bill abolishing the present state tax commission and establishing a one-man commission at a salary of \$3600 was killed in the senate last week.

The senate, however, passed the Corbett bill relieving counties from the burden of caring for non-violent insane in state institutions.

The measure repeals a provision passed by the legislature two years ago which allowed it still requires that relatives of insane patients who are able to pay shall compensate the state for the cost of caring for these patients.

There was no opposition to the bill.

Governor's Message.

Recommending to the house and senate that the legislature extend the "5 to 30 per cent" salary reduction schedule adopted by the ways and means committee for state salaries out over all officials and employees of county and city government throughout the state.

Governor Meier sent a special message to both houses last week. He points out that the legislature made an "earnest study to reduce the cost of state government and to reduce taxes which represent only 10 per cent of the tax load on property."

He points out that "if the taxpayers of the state are to have any real relief it must come from a substantial reduction on local tax levies which represent 90 per cent of Oregon's bill."

Excerpts from Message.

"While it is a theory of democracy that each local community may decide for itself how much money it will spend and what obligations it will assume, the fact nevertheless remains that such an expression of democracy is frequently the expression of a tight little bureaucracy, as the controlling few are often those in official positions or small groups of interested propagandists having ulterior objects in view in levying exactions on taxpayers and in directing expenditures of public funds."

"Without some control over legal taxes and indebtedness, home rule, in my opinion, is merely a vain theory which frequently results in home ruin."

"With proper control, however, there may be provided the processes of law and the practical means whereby the real substance of home rule may be preserved and protected, not only for the benefit of the local governments but for the best interests of the state as a whole."

"A number of states have enacted legislation controlling local tax levies and bond issues, which has resulted not only in savings of millions of dollars to the taxpayers but in placing the various local governments on a sound financial basis. Until similar legislation is enacted in Oregon no appreciable reduction in taxes can be achieved. I therefore respectfully recommend that during your deliberations you give this subject earnest and serious consideration."

"May I suggest as an initial step in this needed program of rigid retrenchment in local government that you enact legislation extending the salary reduction schedule ranging from 5 to 30 per cent, which you have adopted for state officials, to the salaries of the officials and employees of our counties and cities. It should be so extended not only as an economy measure in the interest of the taxpayers but also as a matter of fairness and justice."

"The members of your honorable body are pledged to a program of tax reduction which can be achieved only by the reduction of the expenses of government. You have made an earnest effort to reduce the cost of state government and to reduce state taxes, which represent only 10 per cent of the tax load on property. If the taxpayers of the state are to have any real relief it must come from a substantial reduction of local tax levies, which represent 90 per cent of Oregon's annual tax bill."

Highlights of Tuesday's session in the legislature:

Beer bill passes house by vote of 40 to 20.

Six-hour work day bill defeated in senate.

"Yellowstone highway" placed on state highway map.

Bill prohibiting injunction in labor disputes deferred.

Basic science bill made special order of business in senate.

Bill enlarging governor's powers indefinitely postponed.

Salary Boost Bill

The senate put its approval upon the first salary increase of the present session when it passed the Dunne bill removing the limit of the salary paid to the secretary to the public utilities commissioner. According to Senator Zimmerman who supported the bill, it is designed to permit the commissioner to increase the pay of his first assistant from its present level of \$250 to the level of other deputies who now receive \$300 a month. The only objection to the bill was voiced by Senator Burke who has consistently opposed salary increases at this session.

Aid Private Industry

Congress is urged to make funds of the Reconstruction Finance corporation available for use by private industry in a memorial introduced by Senators Goss, Spaulding, Duncan, Corbett and Bynon. The memorial points out that activities of private industry have been seriously curtailed by lack of funds, resulting in curtailed operations and throwing thousands of men out of employment.

Six-Hour-Day Bill

Senator Upton's bill providing for a six-hour day and five-day week on public contracts went down to defeat in the senate by a vote of 24 to 5. Senators who supported the measure were Dunne, Goss, Hazlett, Jones and Upton.

The senate approved a bill introduced by Representative Snider providing that 160 miles of the so-called "Yellowstone highway" shall be placed on the state highway map. The section of highway affected extends from Lakeview to Canyon City. By a two-to-one vote the house passed the bill, legalizing beer of 3.2 alcoholic content and providing for control of its distribution. The beer bill sailed through the house of representatives with even less opposition than was registered against the resolution to refer to the people repeal of the two dry sections of the state constitution a few days ago.

Two Pay Cut Bills Backed

Two salary reduction bills favored by Senator Francisovich received favorable consideration. One of these bills would reduce the salaries of all Clatsop county officers approximately 15 per cent, while the other would place the constable of the Seaside district on a fee basis.

A report of the interim committee appointed by the 1931 legislature to study the chain store situation was filed in the senate and later referred to the committee on assessment and taxation. The committee recommended that each store, in excess of three, operated by any one person or corporation, be taxed at the rate of \$200 annually. The report was signed by J. E. Bennett, Elton Watkins and John Manning.

Senator's Woodward's bill relating to cruelty to children under the age of 16 years was approved.

Income Tax Boost Urged

With a tentative objective of raising \$4,500,000, the house committee on taxation and revenue considered revision of the income tax, increasing the present rates and lowering the exemptions. The present exemptions are \$1500 for a single person and \$2500 for married with \$400 for each dependent.

The Kelly bill, which declares against the public policy of certain contracts which are so one-sided as to result in restraint of trade passed the house. The bill is aimed at certain contracts which oil companies have been making with service station operators.

Highlights of Wednesday's session of the legislature were:

Senate favorable to basis science measure.

Salary reduction bills reported.

Memorial urges congress to help Oregon industry.

Klamath Falls armory approved by senate.

Senate approves nine forestry measures.

Income tax with heavy rates and low exemptions considered for revenue.

House passes bill to curb advertising dentists.

Governor Meier files first veto message.

New State Police Duties

A bill authorizing the secretary of state to name the state police to examine motorists seeking operators' and chauffeurs' licenses passed the house.

House Plans Repeal

Taking time by the forelock, and regardless of the fact that the senate defeated the Upton bill providing for a convention to consider the repeal of the 18th amendment to the constitution, a new bill came into the house fathered by the house committee on alcoholic control, also providing for a constitutional convention.

Highlights of Friday's session of the legislature:

House holds its first night session, as legislators' pay stops.

Bill to develop Willamette rather than wait for Columbia improvement by congress introduced.

Wets prepare for constitutional convention on repeal.

Basic science bill approved by senate.

Senate passes 21 bills.

Grange power bill to be reconsidered by senate.

Wasco

FOR SALE—100 laying pullets, Buff Orpington and White Leghorns. W. E. Tate, Wasco, Oregon

Mrs. Flora Wright entertained last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jack Sheels for Mrs. Joseph Mee. Mrs. Bob Evans gave a reading and the afternoon was spent visiting. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and son, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Yokum and daughter were guests at the Bob Evans home Friday evening. The diversion of the evening was a "jig saw puzzle."

The Thursday afternoon bridge club entertained their husbands with a pot luck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews Friday night. After dinner bridge was played and Mrs. Harry Van Gilder made high score for the ladies and Art Barzee for the men.

The Odd Fellows will give a Hard Time Dance at the Fraternity hall on March 1st.

The Neighbors of Woodcraft had a card party at the lodge hall last Thursday night. There were 6 tables of 500 and Mrs. Elsie Medler made high score for the ladies and Harry Richelderfer for the men. Mrs. Lena Brock made low score.

Mrs. Jeff Wilson of The Dalles spent several days last week at the guest of Mrs. Reid.

Naomi Grady was an over night guest with Catherine Richelderfer the last of the week.

Te K. of P's had a beneficary party Monday night at the lodge hall. There were 6 tables of 500 and Mrs. John McDermid made high score for the ladies and Jake Stone for the men.

The Tuesday Study Club met this week with Mrs. Bob Evans. A nice program was given. Mrs. Louis Scholl was admitted in the club as a new member.

E. L. Morton returned Tuesday from Idaho where he has been for the past three weeks on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Offrey of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Yocum Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Young of Dufur visited at the Royce home Tuesday. Mrs. Royce and Lloyd will return to Dufur with them for a visit.

W. L. Wilson and son were up from Rufus Tuesday and Mr. Wilson states his belief that many of the fruit trees in the orchards near his home are badly injured by the freeze.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burres entertained the Saturday night dinner club at their home this week. There were four tables of bridge after dinner Mr. and Mrs. Hugh White made high score for the club and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kaseberg for the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ercel Yocum who spent the winter in the valley returned to Wasco this last week.

Miss Margaret McKee and Rosemary Walker visited at The Dalles Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion McKee and son of Moro were guests at the home of Mr. McKee's parents Sunday.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church had a doughnut sale Saturday which was very successful. Mrs. R. O. Scott and Mrs. Walter Warner assisted the young people.

L. J. Lucas was a Pendleton business visitor the first of the week.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church gave a Valentine party at the home of Mrs. Leo Watkins last Wednesday. A paper on the "Mother of James and John" was given by Mrs. Arthur Sargent, a piano solo by Miss Trounce and a solo by Mrs. E. L. Morton. Games followed which were provided by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Van Gilder. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Watkins.

The Contract bridge club enjoyed a pot luck dinner Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McKee.

Mrs. Wesley had the misfortune to fall and hurt her knee quite badly last week, necessitating a trip to The Dalles for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spencer returned from Portland Friday where Mr. Spencer went for medical treatment.

M. and Mrs. B. H. Grady and Naomi dinner guests last Sunday at the Kee home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Gilder and

son and Bryan Van Gilder and son were dinner guests last Sunday at the M. A. Young home in Moro.

Mary Thomas is reported on the sick list with the flu this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Eaton were business visitors in The Dalles last week.

The small child of Wayland Weld has been quite ill this week with flu.

ARGENTINE WHEAT

Argentine and 6,583,000 bushels from Australia. Demand from Europe and other importing areas remained dull so that the unfavorable prospects for winter wheat in the United States was apparently of little influence in world markets. World stocks are still large although somewhat smaller than a year ago, reflecting principally reduced supplies in the United States, Russia and the Danube Basin. United States stocks at the first of January based partly on trade estimates were apparently about 60,000,000 bushels less than a year ago. Total stocks at the first of the season, including this year's crop were around 130,000,000 bushels less than a year earlier. No shipments were made from Black Sea ports and trade reports indicate a shortage of wheat both for seed and food in parts of Russia, including Ukraine, North Caucasus and the Lower Volga Region. The issuance of certificates for the export of wheat from Germany was discontinued at the end of January. The domestic milling quota in Holland was increased to 35 per cent effective February 13.

Continued from page one. A rain of 2.15 inches the last days of May.

We may have heavy rains in the spring and summer this year. One can take the records and figure the chances to suit his own supply of optimism. In the last 23 years there have been 7 times when over an inch of rainfall fell in March, 7 Aprils have seen over an inch of rain fall, 8 times May has brought over an inch of rain, three times has over an inch of rainfall come in June and in July there has been but one time when it rained over an inch.

The winter months, that is December, January and February have been very dry in this county. There has been little snow and almost no rain. Up to the first of December we were nearly up to normal but the dry east wind of the first week of that month removed a large part of the surface moisture from the ground and it has not been replaced.

Due to the heavy rains of last May there is thought to be as much moisture in the fifth and sixth feet of earth as there was last year and this is the reserve the crop must draw upon unless there are heavy rains in June.

During the period for which records have been kept there has been 25 months between the first of March and the first of July in which over an inch of rain has fallen. So it seems probable that there will be at least one month of the four this year in which that amount may be expected. More than that will be needed and appreciated.

COUNTY UNIT

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In the matter of interscholastic athletics many of the present objections would be eliminated. The trend in athletics is very strong now toward mass athletics, entire class or school competition and one teacher could be assigned to carry out a health program and athletics. Competition would be carried on with larger neighboring schools and chances for success financially and athletically would be greatly enhanced. The small school team is not usually a success financially and since an unsuccessful team means a curtailed program of other extra curricular activities the larger school would be more desirable on this point.

Such a school would give the student a broader social viewpoint. He would come into contact with more teachers, have a larger and better library, more activities, and frequent outside speakers could be more easily secured. He would have more elective subjects with the possibility of a vocational guidance program. Curriculum adjustments would not necessitate his carrying such a rigid fixed course of instruction. Instruction would be improved, a health program could be carried out to better advantage with a larger faculty, competition and contact with students from larger schools would be made possible. The school could be the community center for the greater part of the county and community organizations would have a common meeting place. Study clubs and Parent Teachers Associations would all have a common interest and would have the use of motion picture equipment, school orchestra or library facilities at their disposal. Better school entertainments and dramatics could be provided and they in turn would be more successful financially than at the present time. Such a school would attract outside attention. It would become a matter of civic pride, not of any one community but of several. And as all progressive schools, it should be an advertising asset to the county. These ideas may be a Utopian dream but most certainly the greater portion could be a reality in the event of the organization of a larger high school and all of this at lesser expense than at the present time.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That by authority of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, dated the 15th day of February, 1933, upon a Decree for the foreclosure of a mortgage wherein Pearl Grimes Free-love, administratrix, is plaintiff and Wasco Motor Service Company, a corporation, et al. were defendants, said Decree being in favor of said plaintiff for the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00), with interest thereon at Seven per cent per an-

num from May 14, 1931, until paid, for Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) attorney's fees, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements of suit made and expended herein, I will on the 20th day of March, 1933 at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the following described real property, situated in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

Lots numbered Five (5) and Six (6) and the West Half of Lot Four (4) all in Block Four (4) of McPhersons First Addition to Wasco, now City of Wasco, Sherman County, Oregon.

Said real property will be sold subject to redemption and confirmation as by law required.

Done and dated at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, this 15th day of February, 1933. 2-17-24-3-3-10

HUGH CHRISMAN Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

SUMMONS

Maryhill Ferry Company, a corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

W. Lair Hill and Julia Chandler Hill, husband and wife; William Grant, a single man; Gorham B. Goodell, Trustee of the firm of Goodell & Walker; Portland Distilling & Milling Company, a corporation also known as Portland Milling & Distilling Company; Richard Nixon, Assignee of Portland Distilling & Milling Company, a corporation; G. B. Goodell, a single man; J. W. Walker, a single man; G. W. Hoffman, a single man; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein.

Defendants.

TO: W. Lair Hill and Julia Chandler Hill, husband and wife; William Grant, a single man; Gorham B. Goodell, Trustee of the firm of Goodell & Walker; Portland Distilling & Milling Company, a corporation also known as Portland Milling & Distilling Company; Richard Nixon, Assignee of Portland Distilling & Milling Company, a corporation; G. B. Goodell, a single man; J. W. Walker, a single man; G. W. Hoffman, a single man; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint on file in the above entitled proceeding and as in this summons set forth and described.

Defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You, and each of you, are hereby required to appear and answer plaintiff's complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons as hereinafter stated, and if you fail to so answer said complaint, or otherwise appear or plead herein, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in its

complaint, namely: for a decree of the above entitled court that you and each of you be required to set forth the nature of any claim or claims, or set forth the nature of any estate, title or interest you may have in and to the property described in plaintiff's complaint, to-wit:

Beginning at a point eighty rods North from the Southeast corner of Section Three, Township Two North, Range Sixteen, East of the Willamette Meridian; thence North on Section line for a distance of 15 rods for the true point of beginning; thence at right angle East for a distance of 20 rods; thence at a right angle North to the southerly edge of the Columbia River; thence down the Columbia River to that certain point where said Columbia River intersects with West line of Section Two, Township and Range aforesaid; thence South along said section line to the place of beginning; also, together with an easement over and across Lots Three and Four of Section Two, Township and Range aforesaid; thence South along said section line to the place of beginning; also, together with an easement over and across Lots Three and Four of Section Two, Township and Range aforesaid, to these grantees and assigns to cross over said lands and maintain a road thereon between the above deeded tract and the Columbia River Highway, using as nearly as possible the road as now laid out and travelled.

Algo, beginning at a point eighty rods North from the Southeast corner of Section Three in Township Two North of Range Sixteen, East of Willamette Meridian and running thence North twenty-four rods and six feet; thence West eighty rods; thence South twenty-four rods and six feet; thence East to the place of beginning, containing twelve and two tenths acres, all above described lands being situated in the County of Sherman, State of Oregon.

and that all adverse claims of you and each of you in and to said property may be determined by a decree of this court; and that by decree it be adjudged and decreed that you and each of you, and any or either of the defendants herein, have no estate, interest or claim of interest in or to said real property, and that the title of plaintiff thereto is a good and valid title; and that it be further decreed that you and each of you be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting any claim whatever in or to said land and premises adverse to the plaintiff, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem meet and proper.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for a period of four consecutive weeks in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation published weekly at Moro in Sherman County, Oregon, by order of the Honorable Carl Hendricks, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, made and dated the 3rd day of February, 1933.

The date of the first publication of this summons is February 10th, 1933.

C. L. Pepper

Attorney for Plaintiff

Residence and Postoffice Address: The Dalles, Oregon

The Red & White Store

WASCO, OREGON

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES

SPECIALS FOR FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 1933

- H-O Oats, small size..... 14c
Lipton's Tea, yellow label 1-2s..... 37c
" " " " 1-4s..... 21c
Sunshine Krispy Crakes, 2 lb ctns..... 29c
Our Mother's Cocoa Malted Milk, 1 lb tins..... 25c
Red & White Bran Flakes..... 10c
" " Coffee, 1 lb pkgs..... 29c
Blue & White Broken Sliced Pineapple 2s..... 10c
" " Sliced Beets..... 2 for 25c
Idaho Red Beans..... 3 lb for 12c
Extra Fancy Blue Rose Rice..... 3 lb for 12c

Red & White Prices Are Lower

Prices Further Reduced

Cooperation makes it possible for us to sell feeds cheaper.

- Shorts .75 sack \$17.00 per ton
Mill Run .65 sack \$15.00 per ton
Bran .50 sack \$15.00 per ton
R. Wheat .75 sack \$17.00 per ton

- Calf Meal 25 lb sack \$1.10
Cracked Corn 100 lb sack \$1.50
Scratch Feed 100 lb sack \$1.40
Laymore Egg Mash 100 lb sack \$2.00
Salt Half Ground 125 lb sack \$1.20
" " " " per ton \$16.50

FLOUR barrel \$3.75

Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers WASCO, OREGON