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SECURITY LEGISLATION

The governor's call for the special session included security legislation among the matters to be considered. During the period between the issuance of the notice and the time for convening, it was announced that perhaps it was not necessary to do anything about changing the old age pension law and the unemployment insurance law at the special session.

Now, in the final days of the session, both have been put on the calendar. Legislators generally were decided to do something about old age pensions whether it met with the approval of the administration or not, and several bills were introduced to change the present law. County officers became interested particularly in the financing of such legislation.

It will be extremely difficult for the legislators to give proper consideration to unemployment insurance legislation within the few days left. It should have been introduced early in the session or not at all. It happens, however, that the federal charge on employers will begin next January, and unless the state has a law for such insurance the entire amount raised by the federal charge will go to Washington and none of the unemployed in Oregon will be eligible to receive benefits from it. At least the committee has been so informed. It is certainly a mess and it indicates that perhaps the national congress makes drastic mistakes as well as state legislatures.

What method of financing will be used for raising funds for the old age pensions will not be known until the law is passed and signed by the governor. Direct taxation is held to be impossible in many counties as they already have reached their six percent limitation. Such counties want the state to levy the tax and distribute it to the counties.

Bills for a gross income tax, and for a sales tax have been introduced, but neither is looked upon with favor by many legislators. The gross income tax would take one percent of all gross income above \$1200 except that derived from agriculture. It has other disqualifications besides the theory involved and is not expected to pass. The sales tax bill is similar to the Washington law, except that no tokens would be used. It has little chance of being passed by either house, and even a smaller chance of being given the O. K. of the voters, who would surely initiate a petition against it.

The liquor revenues are inadequate to provide relief for the aged of the state, and besides, they are pledged for unemployment relief to some extent.

TAX COLLECTION

A bill is now in the legislature which would permit those who pay their current taxes in full to pay, without penalty or interest, a quarter or more of each year of delinquent taxes.

This is a step ahead of the bill which passed last session only to be vetoed by the governor. That bill canceled interest and penalty on delinquent taxes of 1931 and 1932, whether taxes were paid or not. The present bill would eventually cure the delinquent tax situation, although in some instances it would take over 20 years.

If it is assumed that those who have not paid their taxes since 1930 have not done so because of lack of funds, the bill is justified. If, as many legislators argue, those who have not paid have failed to do so because of a hope and belief that interest and penalty would be removed some day, the bill is not justified.

We believe that the former case is true and that the principal reason for non-payment of taxes is lack of money. This bill, if it becomes law, will permit a man to pick up his delinquency gradually and retain his property. Those who are holding off payments will receive the same favors given to those who are honest but in financial straits, but that can not very well be helped.

A man is considered somewhat below normal if he attempts to prophesy the weather more than a day ahead of time, but a scientist has recently told what earthquakes will occur for the next thousand years. Believe it or not.

It seems reasonable that the legislature should definitely establish the site, the size and the cost of the new capitol, but it appears that it may not do so as a large number are in favor of leaving it to a commission. It is true that a commission must be appointed, but the major problems should be decided for that group before the session ends.

Recent patronage results at the legislative session lead to the belief that stenographers and clerks should be named on a civil service basis and by a civil service board. There would be fewer and better assistants to the legislators if that were the case. Recent stories that many were laid off because of the newspaper reports have come from the firing of two committee clerks and two mailing committee clerks, one of which was replaced with another.

Only Six Schools In Operation In Sherman County

Consolidation Has Reduced Number of Districts to Half—Interesting School Statistics

Supt. W. W. Knighten's office is handing out to those interested three sheets of closely typewritten data on the statistics of the schools of the county. In one table all the 22 school districts in Sherman county are listed for years 1934 and 1935, giving valuation of assessment rolls, special levy, county school funds, elementary fund, non high school fund, high school tuition and total mills levied in each district.

On another page, under each district are given the number of tuition pupils, total amount of tuition, and elementary costs for the years 1930 to and including 1935.

On another page are listed for each district the operating costs, average daily attendance, and the per capita cost; for years 1928 to include 1935.

The statistics are interesting in comparison. There are 22 districts in the county, whereas there used to be 44, but at the present time there are only six schools in operation, the decrease in number being due to consolidation. The Harmony district, southeast of Moro, is the only district school in operation in the county outside of a town with a high school. The high schools of Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley each employ seven teachers, while the high schools at Rufus and Kent employ five teachers each. In the matter of number of tuition pupils for this year Moro stands highest, having 22.4 Moro second with 18.17 and Grass Valley comes in close third with 17.3. Kent has none, for the reason that all the districts contiguous to Kent are in that school district. In total amount of tuition to be paid this year, Moro is again ahead, with \$2739.74, and Wasco second with \$2472.75. Average daily attendance in the high schools for this year runs: Rufus, 27.8; Wasco, 38.2; Moro, 45.2; Grass Valley, 39.1; Kent, 21.2. Per Capita runs: Rufus, \$173.29; Wasco, \$136.09; Moro, \$122.31; Grass Valley, \$118.24; Kent, \$151.65.

The operating costs of the schools furnished an interesting study. In 1928 the Rufus high school cost \$2577.77, in 1935 the same school costs \$4817.56. In 1928 the Wasco high school cost \$9448.56, and in 1935 it will cost \$5198.63. In the year 1930 the Wasco high school cost \$12061.23. In 1928 the Moro high school cost \$9221.96, and in 1935 it will cost \$5440.84. Grass Valley high school in 1928 cost \$6615.00, and in 1935 it will cost \$4623.27. Kent high school in 1928 cost \$4270.72, and in 1935 it will cost \$3214.97. The reduction in costs of the high schools, Superintendent Knighten explains, is due to the stress of the times, while the increase in the cost of the Rufus high school is due to the growth of the school.

More than 7,000 Oregon Blue Books have been placed in school rooms and libraries of the state during the last two weeks as a part of the free distribution of the state directory authorized by law. The book, which serves in many schools to supplement textbooks on history and civics of Oregon, has been compiled and published by Earl Snell, secretary of state. The supply of books for the schools is centralized through the offices of county school superintendents throughout the state and in the office of the city superintendent of schools in Portland. Requests for copies for school use are placed with the superintendent rather than direct with the secretary of state, in order to afford a general and equitable distribution of the limited number of copies available.

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He overcomes a stout enemy who succeeds in overcoming his own anger.

- NOVEMBER
5—Lewis and Clark reach the Columbia River, 1805.
6—United States army captures and occupy Sedan, 1918.
7—36th state votes for repeal of 18th Amendment, 1933.
8—American Legion holds first national convention, 1919.
9—Start of German revolution, Berlin, 1918.
10—Stanley finds lost Livingston in Africa, 1871.
11—Great dust storm darkens all of Chicago, 1933.

STATE AFFAIRS

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of the legislature seem to favor an "adequate" pension considerably in excess of the pittance which has been doled out to the aged during the past two years under the guise of "assistance." The only difficulty seems to lie in their inability to find any Santa Claus to fill the stockings.

Brigadier General Thomas A. Rilea has been honored by election as president of the National Guard association of the United States. Rilea, who is commander of the 82nd brigade of the 41st division, is one of the youngest generals in the United States.

From the supply of stationery some of the legislators are laying in they must not figure on coming back again. Evidently they are stocking up for a good many years ahead.

A lot depends on the view point. As one lawmaker stated during debate this week opinions rendered by the attorney general's office are considered to be "good law" when they harmonized with the personal opinions of the legislators, but were not so good when they differed with the legislators.

Many former members of the House and Senate are to be seen about the legislative halls, renewing old acquaintances and watching the proceedings.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Property

On Saturday, the 23rd day of November, 1935 at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter (1) of Section twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, save and except the following described tracts or parcels of land heretofore conveyed to Theodore Johnston: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Southeast one-quarter (1) Section Twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, thence North eighty-eight (88) degrees thirty (30) minutes East a distance of one hundred seventy-nine and no tenths (179.0) feet to the West line of the right of way of the Lone Rock Market Road which point is thirty (30) feet right of Station eighty-one (81) plus thirty (30); thence Southerly along the West line of the said Lone Rock Market Road right of way a distance of one thousand two hundred ninety-eight (1298) feet to a point thirty (30) feet to the right of station ninety-four (94) plus twenty-eight (28) on the said Lone Rock Market Road; thence North one thousand five (1005) feet to a place of beginning, containing six and five one-hundredths (6.05) acres, excluding one-half (1/2) of the present County Road. Also beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast one-quarter (1) Section twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, thence North one thousand (1000) feet to a point on the West line of the right of way of the Lone Rock Market Road, which point is thirty (30) feet to the right of station one hundred (100) plus fifty-four (54) thence Southerly along the West line of the right of way of the said Lone Rock Market Road a distance of one thousand seven hundred sixty-six (1766) feet which point is thirty (30) feet to the right of station one hundred eighteen (118) plus twenty (20), thence West along the South line of the Southeast one-quarter (1) Section twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, a distance of nine hundred fifty (950) feet to the place of beginning, containing nineteen and thirty-five one-hundredths (19.35) acres, excluding old right of way. Also, excepting the right of way of the present Lone Rock Market Road, containing one and seventy one-hundredths (1.70) acres, more or less, all in the county of Sherman, State of Oregon.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman to me directed in the case of State of Oregon, Represented and Acting by the World War Veterans' State Aid Commission, plaintiff, vs. Omer R. Hulse and Lula M. Hulse, also known as Lula M. Hulse, husband and wife; Lenora M. McKee, Lewis McKee and Horace McKee, copartners doing business under the firm name of McKee Brothers, Defendants.

HUGH CHRISMAN
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon
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ing the wheels of the law will go around. John Cooter who presided over the House as speaker at the regular session has been on the scene almost every day since the session opened. Cooter is now on the federal pay roll and had to relinquish his seat in the House. Frank Lonergan, another speaker, has also been up just to look the session over. Former senate presidents who have been seen around the legislative halls this session include Willard Marks of Albany, now president of the state board of higher education, and Jay Upson of Bend who gave up his seat in the senate for a chance at one in Congress. Other former members who have visited the session include Senator Ed. Schulmerick and Senator Allen both of Washington county and Representative Taylor and Chindgren both of Clackamas county. Chindgren is now a member of the committee on flax and linen production which is engaged in promoting the flax industry in the Willamette valley.

Walter Lansing, well known in most sections of Oregon because of his connection with traffic safety campaigns, has just been promoted to a captaincy in charge of the headquarters office of the state police. Lansing succeeds Captain W. H. McClain who resigned effective November 1.

The ways and means committee in turning down an appropriation of \$60,000 for improving the state penitentiary did so on the ground that it would be throwing good money after bad. Many of the members on the committee declared themselves ready to support a much larger appropriation to completely modernize the prison at the next regular session—that is if they are still on the committee at that time.

A check for \$258,574.08 was received by State Treasurer Holman this week in payment of the inheritance tax due from the estate of

the late W. B. Ayer of Portland. It was the largest inheritance tax ever collected by the state.

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