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## State Affairs

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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 here some time Sunday. Already the choicest plums of the two organizations are definitely "in the bag" with Frank Franciscovich of Astoria slated to preside over the Senate and Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls the majority choice as gravel 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 Glatt of Woodburn as his assistant. Joe Singer, for many years until 1935—sergeant at arms in the House, is under way to be slated for a similar post in the Senate at the forthcoming session.

Harry Boivin 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. Franciscovich has also been devoting much time the past week to getting his senate organization rounded out although his problem is much simpler than that confronting Boivin 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 rebuilt 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 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 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 counties and cities for a reallocation 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, and an attempt to reorganize certain departments 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 \$107,000 borrowed from the general fund in 1934, was repaid this week together with \$14,710 interest. State Treasurer Holman has seized upon 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, county and school districts—were pooled under a plan

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## GOOD-WILL GIFT TO OREGON FROM JAPAN



When Paul D. Hunt, president of the Alumni Association of the University of Oregon, and Miss Ruth Covington, member of the association's board, visited Japan last summer, they were presented with a beautiful Japanese doll enclosed in a glass case as a token of good will from the Japanese people to the citizens of Oregon. The presentation was made by Josuke Matsuoka, Japanese student who graduated from the University of Oregon.

## \$59,000 Will Come To County For Conservation

The soil conservation payments that will come into the county some time this month will be sent to the county agent's office for distribution to the farmers and range men cooperating. It is expected that this project will bring about \$59,000 into the county which will be divided into the following classes. Class one will account for the largest sum or \$46,000. Class two will bring in another \$11,250 and the range development program will bring in \$2000 to those who have fenced or developed springs to aid their ranges.

## Lt. Roy Dahlin Moved To Reedsport

Lt. Roy Dahlin received word last week of his transfer from the local CCC camp to a similar position near Reedsport. He with his wife and daughter left Friday for their new home. He has been at this camp since March when he came to relieve Lt. O'Malley. The new officer in charge of the camp is Capt. Edward vonSleeth who spent a few hours here a few weeks ago before his orders were changed.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Boy Scout Troop 360 meets at Masonic hall.

## Proper Humidity Valuable In Heating House

The lack of proper indoor humidity during the winter months causes much discomfort, and is responsible for many cases of colds and more serious ailments. The so-called "comfort zone", in doors, has a maximum temperature of 70 degrees F., a minimum humidity of 20%, a minimum temperature of from 50 degrees F to 60 degrees F. and a maximum humidity of 55%. This is the range which most people in temperate climates will find agreeable.

The atmosphere and humidity of the air affect health mainly by influencing the heat regulating mechanism of the body. More heat is produced in the body than is required, hence heat must be lost, else heat stagnation or heat stroke will result. Excessive moisture makes hot feel hotter and cold air colder - the first by hindering evaporation and the second by favoring conduction. If the air is at or higher than body temperature, perspiration is secreted by the skin and its evaporation lowers the body temperature. When high air temperature and high humidity occur together the heat will be oppressive. Considerable air movement aids evaporation and results in cooling of the body. Low air temperature

## Court Meets Late For First 1937 Session

Two Days May Be Needed For Appointment of Officers

The January meeting of the county court was delayed because of the absence of Judge Potter who was snow bound in Klondike. It began Thursday just before noon as that was the earliest hour the judge could be present.

Payment of the accumulation of bills for December was the first work undertaken and the appointments were taken up after that job. The details of the first meeting are expected to require more than one day of the court's time and a hold over meeting Friday is expected.

Road viewers, election officials, a fair board member, county health officer, county physician, county newspaper all must be acted upon by the court at the first meeting of the year and discussion of appointments usually requires some time.

Appointments made before the early adjournment were those of James Stewart as auditor for the year 1937. The other work of the court will be done next Monday when an adjourned meeting will be held.

combined with high humidity is likely to cause discomfort because the accumulation of moisture in the clothing lessens its efficiency as a non-conductor of heat. Moistening of air, however, in connection with heating, is advantageous, as it prevents too rapid evaporation from the skin and thereby allows somewhat lower temperatures with comfort. Drafts or currents of cold air on the face or sudden temperature changes cause contraction of the blood vessels with resulting local anemia. This loss of blood supply allows an increase of bacteria and may result in the development of colds or other respiratory infections. Continual exposure to over heated air increases the liability to the abnormal conditions mentioned above. High temperatures combined with high humidity may result in chronic respiratory diseases. Thus, limiting the temperature will simplify the problem of maintaining the proper moisture content in the air because experiments have shown that excessive heat requires excessive humidifying.

Evaporation of at least two quarts of water daily in each com-

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## McKean Receives Star Back From Hugh Chrisman

After Hugh Chrisman had watched his successor take the oath of office he made one final visit around town and presented Carl McKean with his official star. It was one that had been given to McKean when he was sheriff back in the pre-war days. He left it for Buxton who succeeded him and Buxton passed it on to Chrisman at his death. Hugh carried it all the years of his sheriffship and brought it back to its original wearer.

It is a good star, bright with use but still without worn places in it. Carl says he is going to have the names of the successive wearers engraved upon it and keep it for his grandchildren.

## Danger Of Heart Disease Steadily Increasing

With all his ingenuity, man has never produced a machine so wonderful as the human heart, yet few of us treat this life sustaining mechanism with due consideration at all times. Almost one-fourth of Oregon's 11,429 deaths recorded in 1935 were due to heart ailments. For the most part the victims were elderly persons, and in that we must all die, we accept the inevitable fact that the heart is the first organ to falter among so many men and women of advanced age. But at least one-fourth of the 2,751 deaths from heart disease were of persons less than 60 years of age, and herein lies a challenge to the young and middle aged group of our population.

### Moderation Required

Moderation in all things and common sense in daily habits are the means by which heart ailments can be postponed to allow thousands more of our people to reach old age in health and comfort. Heart disease is a constitutional disease and depends upon the individual's own habits of eating, sleeping, and more or less upon inherited constitutional weakness of tissues present in the disease. Everyone beyond middle age should give his heart special consideration.

### Long Exertion Dangerous

Preparedness is of two main forms: the first is personal and the second professional. Primarily individuals of mature age must realize that high-speed living excessive use of stimulants, and unnatural drain upon vitality such as consistent lack of proper rest and over-exertion are likely eventually to backfire in the form of a weakened heart. The human mechanism apparently takes a lot of punishment, but there is a limit to human endurance. Secondly, no matter how good one's conduct toward his body may have been, once yearly a complete physical examination should be made by a competent physician. A scientific investigation thus applied will nip incipient heart disease conditions in the bud—conditions, by the way, blissfully unsuspected by the individual. The sensible person will familiarize himself with available charts showing normal weight on basis of height, age, and family characteristics. The importance of maintaining normal weight as a means of postponing heart trouble is well illustrated by the estimate that when an adult is five pounds overweight it means that no less than three miles of blood vessels have had to be added to that person's circulatory system. On that basis, a person who in middle age has been thirty pounds overweight has added some eighteen miles of blood vessels to his system, placing an abnormal burden on his heart at a time when he should be protecting it from over-exertion.

### WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

| DATE           | MAX. | MIN. | PRECIP. |
|----------------|------|------|---------|
| Dec. 31        | 29   | 16   | .05     |
| Jan. 1         | 21   | 4    | .T      |
| " 2            | 31   | -1   | .00     |
| " 3            | 30   | 3    | .00     |
| " 4            | 40   | -29  | .14     |
| " 5            | 30   | 13   | .21     |
| " 6            | 14   | -4   | .00     |
| Total for week |      |      | .40     |

## New Officers Sworn In By New Clerk

Updegraff Gives Oath To New Clerk Who Immediately Takes Over Duties; New and Old Officers Sworn In

"I, Joe Truitt, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States of America and the constitution of the State of Oregon and the laws thereof, and will faithfully and honorably demean myself in the office of county clerk to which I have been elected, to the best of my ability, so help me, God."

Thus, with retiring district attorney George Updegraff, administering the oath of office the new county clerk assumed his duties Monday morning at nine o'clock.

### Officers Take Oath

First duty was to swear in the other elected officers. Margaret W. Peetz, Wily W. Knighten, T. Lester Johnson, C. C. Wilson, Clarice Sacre, sheriff's deputy, and Marie Hoskinson, clerk's deputy, appeared in that order before the new clerk and holding their right hands aloft spoke the words that made them legally constituted officials of the county.

Mrs. Effie Campbell, former assessor of Gilliam county is aiding in the sheriff's office for a few weeks until the new officer learns the details of his office.

### Witnesses Present

On hand to witness the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilson, parents of the new sheriff, Mrs. C. C. Wilson and Atlee Wilson and Glen Applegate an uncle.

Retiring sheriff Hugh Chrisman, who has held that office since back in the very early twenties, had his personal belongings packed and left soon for The Dalles where his wife is ill.

County Judge George Potter came to the court house in the afternoon and took his oath of office; David Reid, commissioner elect, was sworn in when the county court was called.

### Young Men In

New faces in the court house since the swearing in ceremony are those of Joe Truitt who will be the youngest county clerk for a number of years and C. C. Wilson who is starting his duties as sheriff comparatively young. Mrs. Clarice Sacre, sheriff's deputy, is also new to the county's officialdom. For the first time in years an entirely new group are manning the sheriff's office.

Elder officers Margaret Peetz and Wily Knighten found the swearing in process a minor incident in the days work for neither their offices or duties were changed.

## Woman's Club Plan Silver Tea

The Moro Woman's Club are giving a silver tea for benefit of Doernbecker hospital, at Odd Fellows hall on Friday afternoon, January 15th. Business meeting will be at 2 o'clock. Program will start at 3. Every body is asked to come. We are anxious to have this meeting a big success, so do your part by telling everyone about this Tea.

## More Money Comes For 1936 Contracts

Another \$8,146.38 arrived Tuesday for distribution to the farmers of the county who cooperated with the government in reducing acreage of wheat in 1936. They were 30 checks in the bundle. Of the total payment for 1936 compliance all has been paid but \$9,000 and this is expected at any time.

Several of the boys and girls who are feeding beef calves for exhibition next fall at the state fair and the Pacific International have their calves on full feed already. Frank Says has two taking full rations and Bobbie King has two Herefords and two Angus steers on full feed.

## FOR WORKERS' SECURITY



Forms for the gigantic social security law set-up have been printed at the rate of a million a day by an eastern printing concern. Thelma Mae Myers is shown holding up a strip of the blanks as they came from the presses. It is estimated that 26,000,000 forms will be needed to keep the records of the workers.

## More Taxes Collected Than Levied

In the \$228,431.25 collected by the sheriff last year there was a rebate given of \$3,108.52 to those who paid their taxes in March. Interest collected on taxes for the year was \$1,348.90. The total roll for 1936 was \$204,239.25 and the sheriff collected \$174,541.24 plus the rebate for a percentage of over 85.

Total collections of \$228,574.25 were 112% of the roll for the year which is about equal to the good tax collection year of 1935.

The final turnover is spotted in places for the south end of the county received a benefit larger in proportion to the total than usual. The Kent school district received well over \$2,000 while that of Moro received \$391.46 in delinquent taxes. The Kent district also got three times as much money as did Moro from current taxes indicating that the south end of the county was in a tax paying mood.

Wasco and the Wasco school district also obtained large payments from both the delinquent and current tax turnover.

## Rock Creek Road Being Built By WPA

Improvement of the Rock Creek county line section of the Wasco-Heppner highway will have to wait on the allocation of additional federal funds for PWA highway work, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. This project is one of 15 PWA highway jobs in Oregon which have been approved by the federal administrator but which are held up for lack of federal funds. Estimated cost of the 3.9 miles of grading and surfacing on this project, all within Gilliam county is estimated at \$63,434.50. Another project included in the list of 15 held up pending Congressional action extending the life of the Public Works administration is the Sand Hollow-county line section of the Lexington-Echo highway, involving 10 miles of grading, surfacing and oiling, all in Morrow county, at an estimated cost of \$27,765.

In a letter received by Baldock this week Horatio B. Hackett, assistant administrator of the PWA promises that "applications for allotment of funds will be kept in mind and will receive prompt attention should circumstances allow further consideration."

Hackett however, points out that "since authority of the administration expires June 30, 1937, it is not probable that allotments will be recommended for any appreciable number of projects until there is some indication of what attitude congress will take toward a continuation of the administration's work program."

Tom Fraser came up from Corvallis and Portland Tuesday after taking the youngsters down to school. He remained in town Wednesday until a horse was brought in for him.

## Weather Becomes Rough With Wind and Snow

Roads Blocked Temporarily When Snow Drifts Into Cuts; Cars Stalled In Solid Banks of Snow Until Rotary Clears Road

Real winter came to Sherman county Tuesday morning when residents awoke to find the wind whistling around the corners and a fine dry snow following from the east. It resembled the blizzards that the old folks tell about.

The highway crew had been successful in keeping the highway opened up till that time but the wind and new snow were too much for their equipment and although the road was kept open to the Columbia river travel south was halted by huge drifts of snow which kept growing in spite of all day and all night work.

### County Roads Blocked

Country roads have been traveled at considerable risk for several days and with the new snow and high wind they were blocked entirely in most cases. Drifts of five or six feet were reported on many roads and the drifts are said to be as solid as if made of sand so tightly is the snow packed.

The wind storm was of short duration and by Tuesday night it was fairly quiet over most of the county. A rotary snow plow was sent up from Cascade Locks Wednesday morning to open the road south to Shaniko.

### King Has Guests

The highway crew and several travelers were forced to stay at the Glen King farm home Tuesday night as the road was blocked on both sides of them and some of the equipment was frozen because of the cold.

The night of the second saw the first sub-zero weather when the mercury dropped to one below. Tuesday night it dropped to four below and Wednesday night a low of nine degrees below was recorded at the station. Lower temperatures were reported from points farther south.

Despite the fact that most of the snow blew off of the fields much good is expected to come from it. The stubble held a large part of the fall and summerfall fields retained some of it. There is no frost in the ground except in spots blown bare and the snow water will penetrate the ground where it will aid springs and wells even if it does not feed the wheat crop.

### Stage Held Up

Several cars and trucks and the down stage were stuck in snow drifts south of Moro Tuesday making it difficult for power machinery to clear the road. Few accidents were reported although several cars and trucks slid off the road. Slow speed was necessary and the banked snow cushioned the slide.

About five inches of snow has fallen this week according to best estimates and it is probable that between fourteen and eighteen inches is laying in the stubble. A smaller amount is on the snow fields but so far it has been enough to prevent freezing to any extent. Predictions are for a slight let up in the cold with a possibility that more snow will fall.

## Erosion Meeting To Be Held At Lexington

Morrow county farmers have called a meeting for the discussion of erosion matters for January 29, and are arranging to have representatives of all the mid-Columbia wheat counties present to give their ideas of the proper method of controlling wind and water erosion.

Joe Balenger, county agent of Morrow county, and LeRoy Wright of Sherman county were interviewing farmers this week while making up the program. A. C. Kaaseberg, of Wasco, has agreed to talk about his experience with the Killifer deep tillage implement and D. E. Stephens of the experiment station will give the results of his experiments in soil erosion.

The meeting will be held at the Lexington Grange hall under the auspices of the Lexington erosion control association.