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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The governor's message to the legislature of Oregon will be gratefully received by the people of the state, if a bit of prophesy may be permitted. The governor does not believe that more taxes are wanted nor desirable. He is proud of his budget and hopes that it will be adopted and he also warned the members against any serious tampering with the laws of the state.

There will be some new laws, certainly. Every district wants some changes made and many of them are desirable. It is constantly necessary to change the rules under which we work because conditions are always different.

The governor made a unique reference to the controversy between human and property rights. He called them "complementary," which seems to express an idea rather neatly. He perhaps meant that the ownership of property is one of the most cherished rights, which it is.

The phase of human rights versus property rights has too long been used by agitators, both high and low, to arouse enmity between the people who have and those who have not. It is safe to say that nothing advantageous to the nation has come from the use of the combined words.

It is certain that the principal thing to remember in the message is the request for caution and conservation in the passage of laws and the levying of taxes. Government costs have risen rapidly in recent years as more and greater services are asked of government. As an emergency measure it might have been necessary, but as a permanent trend it will be destructive to many of the institutions we have developed.

As the tax burden becomes greater there will be more hesitancy on the part of men to engage in business or agriculture with the result that monopolies will develop.

The governor is sound in his statesmanship in this matter and he but voiced the opinions of the people of the state when he cautioned against the passage of ill-considered laws that may result merely in giving aid to certain classes of people instead of the entire citizenry.

WEEDS AND WIND

It is certain that a bill or bills will be introduced into this legislature to permit the formation of erosion control units in the state of Oregon. They will be similar in formation and authority to the present weed law.

One of the peculiarities of the situation is that at the same session of the legislature farmers are asking for an erosion bill and an amendment to the weed control bill that will make it less strict and enforceable. Few of the counties that are harassed by perennial weeds have invoked the weed law because it might be used to the extreme disadvantage of the farm owner who had weeds. A law that says that a man must eradicate or persistently treat or work perennial weeds, or the county will do it for him and charge it to him is a pretty strong law.

The proposed erosion control law is similar in that it gives authority to the control unit officers to go on a man's place and do what ever they chose to stop erosion by wind and charge it to the owner. That some legislation is necessary, there is no doubt. Anyone who has seen a blow knows that they are harmless at the start. Permission to work blows in the interest of the community will be granted this winter in some form and associations will be formed to stop the destruction when it begins.

Snow in the Willamette valley is a terrible thing. Now they have a couple or three inches and are as troubled about it as if they were completely snowed under. It stays on the roads because there seems to be no machinery for getting it off. A winter with snow in it is a real event and one not appreciated.

The reversal of the order of business in the office of the weather man is an excellent move. For a number of years we have had cold and snow; this year we have snow and cold.

BOUNCE

Much has been made of the statement that the princess of Holland who was recently married has "bounce." She is 27, large and of a size and shape that would be termed fat in this country where the present and popular style for females is thin.

But this bounce business intrigues the curiosity. It may be that Julianna is lively and cheerful and of a happy disposition or it may mean that she is of the durable type which, like a rubber ball can be tossed around in almost any fashion and still retain its appearance and vitality. It was certainly meant for a compliment by the servant who first used it.

Bounce? It's a brand new adjective to use in reference to one of the gentler sex. We classify them as slim, fat, hot, snooty, classy, frigid, snappy, pretty and a lot of other things both more or less complimentary. But never in a lifetime of dealing with adjectives and women have we heard one classified as a bouncer. We would like to meet Julianna in order to be able to add another word to the vocabulary.

DEATH FOR KIDNAPPING

It is understood that in the state of Washington there is a death penalty for kidnapping as well as for murder. There will be general rejoicing over this, if it be a fact.

Crimes like the Mattson one are of a nature so revolting that no one can imagine them being perpetrated by any but an insane man, or one so deficient in the human virtues that his value to society was absolutely nothing. The preservation of the useless lives of such men out of misplaced sympathy is felt to be a mistake by the many who will rejoice at the law against kidnapping.

It is reported that Americans are reading more serious books and not so much fiction. Perhaps they desire something a bit more strange than fiction so read what is purported to be fact.

The federal government plugged a hole in the neutrality law the other day by giving authority to stop shipments of war materials to countries where civil war was in progress. Even the federal legislature over looked that possibility last year when the bill was drawn.

Milkmen are said to be installing radios in cow barns to increase the quantity of milk. Perhaps the "Volga Boatman" or the "Blue Danube" would be appropriate music.

Lupine Rebekas Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Maggie Barnum, N. G. Lila Bull, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78, O. E. S. Moro, Oregon

Meets Every Second Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited.

Esther Morris, W. M. Rose Amidon, Secretary.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Moro, Oregon

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

H. B. Pinkerton, W. M. C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Lewis McKee, N. G. Joe Truit, Secretary

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)

state debt, totalling \$50,586,810 ranks second. County debts total \$24,609,806.53; school districts, \$19,612,750.62; irrigation districts, \$12,363,675.44; port districts, \$7,569,214.58; drainage districts, \$1,978,369.61; water districts, \$1,067,320.60; highway improvement districts, \$105,000.

Bond issues account for \$179,126,937 of the public debt in this state, but outstanding warrants as of last July 1 totalled \$15,009,508.

Holman's compilation shows that the state has reduced its debt load by \$14,000,000 since 1928 when it reached its peak while the cities have whittled \$12,000,000 off their debt load in the past four years. School districts owe \$5,000,000 less than they did in 1932 and the load of irrigation districts has been reduced by more than \$5,000,000 since 1930, largely through refinancing with federal aid during the past year.

While the gross debt of the state and its subdivisions totals \$194,136,446.22 sinking funds and other assets amounting to \$42,888,974.61 reduce the debt to a net of \$151,250,471.61. Assets of state departments alone amount to more than \$27,000,000, most of this being represented by first mortgages and real property held by the World War Veterans State Aid commission. Cities and towns report sinking funds of nearly \$12,000,000 while the sinking funds of school districts total nearly \$2,000,000.

William E. Lamb, Oregon's official hangman, who died this week in the Veteran's hospital at Portland was one of the most interesting characters this state has ever known. Mild mannered and as gentle in demeanor as his name might indicate he admitted to having officiated at the execution of more than 700 persons—only one of these a woman—in the nearly 60 years of his experience in this unusual and gruesome profession. Most of Lamb's hangings took place in the Philippine Islands where he served for 17 years with the United States army. During the 16 years of Lamb's employment at the state prison here he officiated at 15 hangings. Lamb was a native of Virginia and was 79 years of age last September.

Liberization of Oregon's parole system, increase in the state parole staff introduction of new industries into the penitentiary to provide employment for more prisoners and the fixing of prison sentences by a board rather than by the courts is recommended in the report of the Federal Prison Industries Reorganization administration to Governor Martin this week. The report based upon a "survey" conducted by a staff of several "experts" working for several months failed to develop any new ideas in prison reform but merely endorses measures which have long been advocated by Warden Lewis and other prison and parole officials.

Further indications of peace in the House organization were to be found in the fact that Chas. Leach, of Multnomah county, one of Boivin's opponents presided as chairman over the organization meeting, and in the further fact that Vernon Bull of Union county, another rival for the Speakership, placed Boivin's name in nomination. Boivin, on his part, made a gracious gesture in the interest of organization harmony in his distribution of the committee assignments. Eckersley of Clackamas county, one of Boivin's most outspoken critics, drew the chairmanship of the committee on constitution and law. Bull heads the committee on railways and transportation. Hyde is a chairman of the committee on elections. Oleen was rewarded with the chairmanship of the important committee on assessment and taxation. Leach heads the committee on game and Hoch is chairman of the committee on utilities.

Rumblings of revolt are already heard in connection with the budget and Governor Martin's warning "not to rock the boat." The rumblings come from members of the ways and means committee who feel that the administration has put them on the spot—as it has. One of these revolvers was heard to remark that they might as well put their official "okey" on the governor's budget and go home except that if they did they would be back again in special session within 60 days to take care of needs which had been left out of the budget and which deserve attention. No provision, they point out, has been made in the budget for any major capital outlays. There is no provision for meeting the rapidly growing population of the new buildings which the state needs. And much of the grumbling, strange as it may seem, comes from legislators who are regarded as friendly to the administration.

Legislative employees will receive no overtime pay this session—unless the lawmakers change their mind. One of the first measures passed in the senate was a

Winners of Rhodes Scholarships



Congratulations are in order and the four lucky ones felicitate each other as the camera clicks. They are four collegians selected for Rhodes scholarships from the middle Atlantic district. Standing are Harvey Wellman (left), of Perry, N. Y., student at Cornell university, and Nelson Leonard, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., a student at Lehigh. Seated—Robert Harman, of Plainfield, N. J., attending Yale, and James R. Gardner, of Baltimore, Md., of Swarthmore.

resolution to this effect. In past sessions the overtime graft has amounted to the proportions of a scandal.

Another early action of the session was designed to help stranded legislative employees as well as any legislator who might be short of funds. It authorizes the state treasurer to make advances on a per diem earnings of persons on the legislative payroll. Many of these are just as "broke" at the end of the session as they were when they started to work for the state.

In Other Days



From the Observer Jan. 18, 1918

Moro Cooperative Warehouse Co owned by local farmers, has voted to dissolve and merge into the new elevator company being formed. During the 11 years of its business life, the company paid an 8% dividend and distributed \$2 back to its stockholders for every dollar paid in.

Married at Vancouver, Wash., on Dec. 24th, Mrs. Dora Eddy to Mr. Edw. Kelso. Mrs. Kelso is a daughter of G. W. Brock, a farmer resident near Moro.

Harry Kee has rented part of the C. L. Powell land and is now at home in the house at the head of Harris canyon.

The dates for the winter festival short term chautauqua for Moro has been definitely arranged for February 23rd, 25th and 26. The program will be more interesting than last year.

From The Observer Jan. 17, 1908

Coyotes have killed 20 pigs for F. A. Sayrs out of 60 head on the Rain Makers Delight Farm. This is a heavy loss.

Jas. Stewart has been appointed stock inspector of Sherman county a voluntary act of the court, upon a previous 1st class record of the appointee.

Miss Hallie Barzee and Mr. Calvin Ingle were united in marriage on the 9th at the home of the bride's parents near Wasco.

Hog Killing has passed again at the C. G. Huls home.

Wm. Henrichs has again been appointed Road Master for Sherman county. Having served the county satisfactorily in this capacity once, there are many to welcome him back to the place.

Jess N. Landry, who was called to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Calbreath, is now a resident of the stirring and handsome Inland Empire city, Walla Walla. He paid us a visit, and the conversation turning upon the recent financial panic, he remarked that not one of the five banks there closed for a minute on account of it, and the weakest of the five cashed a \$10,000 check one day in the midst of the crazy jangle. He is well pleased with Walla Walla.

Harold—I can see that I am only a little pebble in your life. Frances—That's all. But I wish you were a little boulder.

Sam—Doc, I's just been bit by a dog. Doctor—Well, well! Was it a rabid dog? Sambo—Nassah, Doc. He was just a plain hound dog.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

(Continued from page one) man with a bill may be just as hare-brained as the seedy looking older whose eyes glare with the intensity of his feeling that his bill, if enacted, would make people happy for ever.

Traditionally the first bill presented and passed is one to allow the money for the session or a part of it. To begin with the legislators appropriated \$25,000 for the session and at the close will figure up the total cost and make another bill to take care of the difference. Other bills will be slow coming in and it will be several days before the important ones are dropped in the hopper. The men handling these bills want to do some conferring before writing the final draft of their bills, add to news sent earlier.

The report that there was seething unrest at the Oregon house caused some merriment among members who failed to notice much of it during the day. Some of those who opposed Boivin felt badly about the committee appointments but no one ever gets all he wants—or expects it. If they did there would be twenty five or thirty men on both the ways and means and highway committees and nothing would be done. These jobs are usually given out to the older men who have had experience and it is probably better that way.

FINLAND'S PRESIDENT



President Pehr Evind Svinhufvud of Finland whose seventy-fifth birthday was celebrated throughout the country with great enthusiasm recently. He was hailed as the father of his country and praised for making a protracted fight for the constitutional rights of Finland against czarist Russian oppression.

Alexander Graham Died in 1922 Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor, died at his summer residence, in Nova Scotia, in 1922.

Bjones—Say, old fellow, it's strange to see you going around in that old light coat this cold weather while your wife is wearing a swell new fur coat.

Johnsing—Oh, I never get cold. All I have to do is to think of her fur coat and immediately I start perspiring.

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Kent Youngster Undergoes Leg Operation

Louie Sather returned to Kent Monday from Portland where he had been with his son Jack who had an operation on his leg January 2nd. Jack has had a lame leg for the past two years, but is now improving.

J. L. Davis and daughter Evelyn were business visitors at Moro Monday.

George Wilson fo Fossil, was here on business Friday of last week.

Kent folks who attended the funeral of O. A. Ramsey at Moro Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barnett, Mrs. G. L. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holmes.

Sheriff C. C. Wilson of Moro was at Kent Thursday on business.

Karl Larson of Portland was a Kent visitor Saturday.

Tourists were housed at several farm homes in the Kent vicinity Thursday also a large number put up at the Kent hotel, due to the snow being drifted so travel was impossible.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis and daughter Evelyn and son Warren were dinner guests at the J. C. Wilson home Sunday evening.

Word was received today that George Barnett was injured in an explosion, as he worked in the gravel pit near Shaniko.

Geo. Bell Unit Finishes Clothing

Geo. Bell Unit of the American Legion met at the home of Mrs. Mildred No ton in Kent on Wednesday January 13 with six members present.

Eight pillow covers were completed to be sent to the Veteran's hospital at Roseburg.

Seven girls dresses and four blouses were also finished.

Plans were also discussed for a card party which will be held at the Legion hall on Saturday, January 16th.

Debt Adjustment Group Meets

Members of the local Farm Debt Adjustment committee met with S. Baile, district supervisor, Tuesday to consider a program of work for the new year. Records show that much has been accomplished by these voluntary groups throughout the United States.

In Oregon the work has been divided into two divisions with a supervisor for each. Members of the local group include D. E. Stephens, H. B. Pinkerton, Fred Krusow, C. A. Tom, and LeRoy Wright, secretary.

Ex Gob: "And now that I've told you I'm going to marry Agnes, there is only one thing I have to get off my chest."

Her Father: "And what's that?"

Ex Gob: "A tattooed heart with Maggie's name on it."

Mrs. Scallop—Do you favor the short workday and the five day week for men?

Mrs. Crabshaw—I should say not! Why, husbands are around the house and in the way too much already.

T. Lester Johnson

LAWYER WASCO OREGON

NOTICE OF SALE

On Thursday, the 18th day of February, 1937, at the hour of 10:00 a. m. at the front door of the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will offer for sale and sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

Commencing at a point Fifty (50') Feet West of the North-east corner of Block numbered-Five (5) of BIGGS' SECOND ADDITION to Wasco, now City of Wasco, Oregon, according to the plat of said addition as the same appears of record in the office of the County Clerk in and for said County of Sherman, State of Oregon; running thence West One Hundred Fifteen (115') Feet; thence South One Hundred Fifteen (115') Feet; thence East One Hundred Fifteen (115') Feet; thence North One Hundred Fifteen (115') Feet to the place of beginning.

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 "Home Owners' Loan Corporation, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the United States of America, plaintiff, vs Margaret Tuel et al, defendants." The purchaser at said sale will be placed in immediate possession of said property and the whole thereof.

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C. C. WILSON

Sheriff of Sherman County, Ore.

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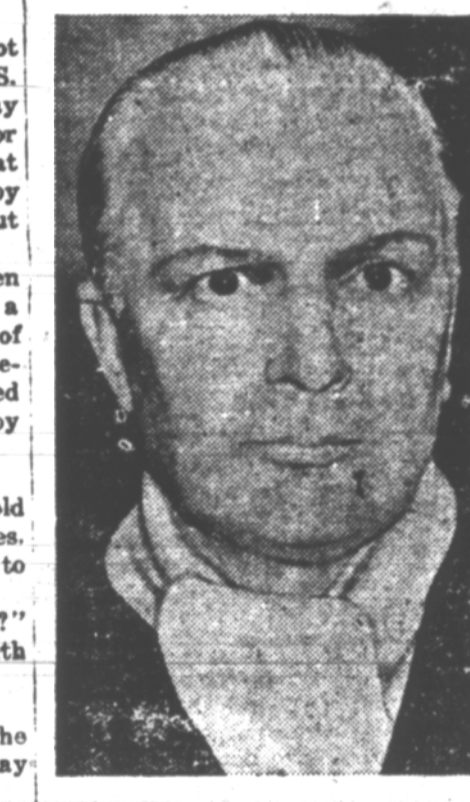
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Attorney for plaintiff.

Eugene.—Frederic S. Dunn, professor of Latin and head of the classics department of nearly forty years, died Thursday, January 7, after a three month's illness. He was recognized by his students as a critic of Ripley's "Believe It or Not." Several times Prof. Dunn proved "facts" in the field of classics to be wrong.

Eugene.—An increased demand for university men and women with some experience in business and industry in the Northwest was reported this week by Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel at the University of Oregon. Young executives in business are particularly in demand, he explained.

HE'D FEED ENGLAND



H. L. French of London, director of the newly-created food defense plans department of the British government, currently one of the most important posts. With war clouds hovering over Europe, England plans to stock its larder to withstand, if necessary, a prolonged blockade. A huge reserve of food is to be established "somewhere in mid-England," probably in warehouses built in worked-out coal mines.

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