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STATE BUILDINGS

The state planning board, of infinite wisdom, has recently given out a news story which includes an inventory of the state's buildings, together with their original cost and their present valuation. The total is a sizable figure.

It is doubtful if any average citizen who went about the state looking over public buildings that have been built by the state would be proud of the record in this matter. With the exception of some substantial buildings on the grounds of the educational institutions and one or two of the newer buildings at the several institutional homes the buildings owned by the state are a disgrace to so young and progressive a people.

Public charges are housed in buildings so flimsy that the ever falling rain of the Willamette valley seeps in around the windows. Others are kept in buildings that are old, dangerous and expensive to maintain. Many of the buildings of the state are so cheap in appearance that those who work in them can feel no pride in their surroundings.

The state office building in Salem that was built with money borrowed from a state agency was supposed to be made strong enough and with foundation enough so that at some future time it would be possible to add two or three stories to it. Now when the time has arrived that the extra room is needed it is found that the office building can barely stand as it is at present.

The state is now building a new capitol. Sufficient money has been appropriated to insure a good state house, solidly constructed. It will be a pleasant change from the past history if that is the case. A program for several new buildings was passed at the last session of the legislature. The board of control and the capitol construction committee will have charge of the architecture and building of the new structures. It is to be hoped that they will do a better job than have their predecessors.

PAROLE BILLS

There is still something of a disturbance in certain quarters over the defeat of the parole bills by the state senate. The main effort was made in behalf of House Bill 377 which changed the set-up of the parole board. The governor's secretary and a member of the parole board, contrary to the rules and contrary to ethics were on the floor of the senate the final day in a futile endeavor to have the bills voted on again.

When the bill was first introduced it provided that the new parole board be given authority to handle paroles for all the state institutions which meant the boys school and the girls school which now have a parole system of their own. Because this proposal was so plainly against public policy it was taken out of the bills by the house committee on judiciary which handled the bills. The success of the boys training school parole staff has been so outstanding that no change was wanted at all by the committee members.

In the bill there was no change specified in the make-up of the board. It would have been composed of three citizens of the state of Oregon, one of whom was to have been the secretary of the governor. That is identical with the present law. In the new proposal, however, one man was to have been designated as chairman with a salary of not to exceed \$3600 per year and the others were to have received \$10 per day and expenses when at work. This would have meant a change in cost and not a change in efficiency.

The parole officers would have been appointed by the board instead of by the governor—which is not important. Furthermore the salary would have been set by the board with no limitations.

At the present time men may be paroled who have been given indeterminate sentences or who are first termers. Under the proposed law the board could have paroled any one who was sent to the penitentiary; even life termers could have been paroled at the expiration of seven years. It is a constitutional right of the governor to pardon offenders when he sees fit to do so. That would not have been changed.

According to the latest report of the penitentiary there are 312

men and women who are serving their second, third and up to the eighth term in the Salem institution. There were 508 who were there for the first time. This 312 have been returned—some for seven times—because of other offenses against the public. Citizens will not be found in favor of continually turning men out of the penitentiary to permit them to rob, rape, or assault honest people. These second to eighth termers are not eligible to parole now, but would have been under the proposed law about which so much weeping is being done.

During the past biennium 462 persons were released by expiration of sentence and 192 were paroled. Considering the quality of men in the penitentiary this is probably a sufficiently high percentage to release by the parole methods. The present parole system is working satisfactory according to the report of the parole officer who says that nearly ninety percent of those paroled remain in good standing as far as this state is concerned.

A proper change, and one that could have been made, would have been one to increase the number of parole officers by one or two. This would have been an added protection for the public at a small cost. The parole bill was beaten because the senators could see in it nothing of value to the general public and a means of increasing public costs without an increase in public efficiency. And the senators were absolutely right.

There was no provision for the employment of a psychologist or psychiatrist by the board, no provision for such a man to be a member of the board, no provision for an experienced parole or prison man on the board, nothing that would surely work for the benefit of prisoners or public. There was merely a delegation of more power and more money to men who admitted that their present regime was not successful. Let there be no criticism of the no voting senators.

LABOR LEGISLATION

If sit-down strikes are determined to be legal or at least come to be accepted as common by the public what is there to prevent employees from raising their wages to the extent of their avarice? Or what is there to prevent a group of specialized workers from working a regular racket on employers? The answer is "nothing."

We have no laws in this country to make labor or labor organizations responsible either to their own members or to their employers or to the public. The attempt to start such a law in Oregon was defeated at the last session of the legislature. Ownership and management of industry is regulated by federal and state government in many ways and if the public is to be protected the labor part of industry will have to be regulated and controlled as well. Argue though some will, put off the day of reckoning as labor wishes, prate on human rights as do the radicals and self styled liberals, still it will be impossible for American industry to progress half regulated and half irresponsible.

TIME TO CHECK

The school tragedy in Texas is one of the worst disasters in recent history and one that will be remembered for a life time by those who read of it. It should have some results in correcting practices in handling public buildings all over the nation.

Few, if any, of the patrons of the Texas school knew of the danger their children were in by merely attending the school. Undoubtedly there are similar institutions where conditions are dangerous if not so dangerous as those of the New London school.

It has not been a practice of school boards to have the buildings in their charge examined for stability, nor to have the heating and lighting systems checked for safety. The disaster will undoubtedly start a movement to make other such buildings safer in order to avert a possible loss of life in other towns.

In some ways we are living in a wonderful era. We never have any new taxes yet buy everything; we add to the national debt every day and borrow at a low rate. It's O. K.—while it lasts.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)

1931	54	134,811.30	66,157.75
1933	60	102,172.05	46,990.00
1935	59	116,572.80	59,992.50
1937	57	150,000.00**	63,834.00

*Includes \$20,210 voted as legislative expense but later held unconstitutional and repaid in part. **Estimated.

Two members of the state parole board—W. H. Treece of Portland and Floyd L. Utter of Salem—resigned this week in protest against the action of the state senate in killing the new parole program. Governor Martin does not expect to appoint their successors before July 1. W. L. Gosselin, secretary to the governor, is ex officio a member of the board. All members serve without pay. The proposed parole board measures would have created a full time chairmanship at \$3600 a year and allowed the other members of the board \$10 a day for the time actually served in performing their duties.

The Martin anti-gambling bill which was left on the table in the House when the legislature adjourned since it took its place on the statute books along with all of the other legislative acts which Governor Martin did not veto, Attorney General Van Winkle held. This is the measure against which the governor exercised his right to veto the emergency clause. When he sent the bill back with his veto message it was laid on the table and left there. In his opinion the attorney general points out that the House had before it for consideration only the governor's veto of the emergency clause. The bill had already passed the House and Senate and was in the hands of the governor for his attention prior to being passed on to the secretary of state and a place on the Oregon statute books. Since the legislature did not override the governor's veto of the emergency clause the veto stands but the rest of the bill remains intact and will become law after the lapse of the 90-day waiting period unless the referendum is invoked in the meantime.

Opponents of the Carney bill out lawing slot machines who seek to smother the measure under a "cloud" of irregularity, appear to be due for still further disillusionment. These opponents were quoted as viewing the bill as invalid because it failed to contain certain amendments alleged to have been written into the measure by the House. Legal lights around the state house make light of this contention and point to a supreme court opinion written 40 years ago in support of their position. In that opinion in the case of McKinon vs Cotner, Mr. Justice Bean held that the proper officers of state will be held to have been enacted as enrolled through the legislative journals show that in its progress through the legislature an amendment was adopted which is not included in the enrolled act. Which would appear to settle any dispute on this point.

Either the Portland city police are not so vigilant in their pursuit of drunken drivers as are members of the state police or the police judges of the metropolis are more lenient with offenders than are the magistrates of the rest of the state. At least records of convictions for drunken driving would so indicate. During February only one motorist had his driving permit revoked by a Portland court whereas in the rest of the state there were 34 revocations for drunken driving. And approximately one third of the motorists of the state are to be found in the city of Portland.

The legal, mining and banking interests are all represented on the newly appointed state mining board. W. H. Strayer of Baker is an attorney and as a member of the state senate helped to draft the measure creating the new board. Albert Burch of Medford is a nationally known mining engineer and E. M. MacNaughten of Portland is president of the First National Bank of Portland as well as a civil engineer with a considerable knowledge of mining.

B. F. Irvine of Portland who has declined reappointment as a member of the state board of higher education will continue to serve until his successor has been named probably next month, according to Governor Martin. Irvine has been identified with higher education in Oregon for the past 39 years, first as a member of the board of regents of Oregon State college and for the past eight years as a member of the unified board of higher education.

Employers in 27 different classifications will enjoy reduced rates of contribution to the workmen's compensation fund as a result of an order issued by the Industrial Accident Commission this week. The reduction in rates was based upon the accident experience of the industries in the 27 classifications.

In Other Days

From the Observer Mar. 27, 1908
 Charley Powell and wife are much pleased with the little girl left them recently by the stork.
 N. J. Sennot has entered the contest for "state" senator for Wasco county. He is an able young man.

Hon. Jay Bowerman, state senator and active candidate for reelection, was taken ill at Kent Tuesday and brought to Dr. Goffin who pronounced it appendicitis and ordered the senator to return to his home at Condon.

The regular session of the Circuit court for Sherman county this week was brief. Judge Littlefield had dispatched much of the work during the vacation thus cutting expense.

From the Observer Mar. 29, 1918
 Miss Wilma Henriks of Moro and Ove Hansen of Kent were married at Wasco Sunday March 17th.

The Tum A Lumber building and stock at Kent was a total loss by fire Thursday morning about nine o'clock. The automobile storage building of J. K. Irby was only saved by hard work.

A letter from Carlton Ross who was on the USS Oklahama was printed giving the story of life on a big battle ship.

Daylight saving time was ordered by Mayor Barrium and the members of the school board in conformity with the national regulation.

Ten Moro high school boys have left school to help put in the crops. They will receive credits during their absence.

Co-ed—Will your people be surprised when you graduate this month?
 Senior—No, they've been expecting it for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Eulerson returned from Burns Friday after a week visiting relatives.



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News of Kent And Vicinity

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap of Grass Valley and Mrs. Emma Boardman of Portland were visiting friends at Kent Thursday. Mrs. Boardman is a former Kent resident and will go to Camp Sherman next week where she will spend the summer.

R. Abell and George Witter were business visitors in The Dalles last Tuesday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Max Pluemke who was returning from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woods received a telegram Thursday from Looking Glass, Ore., notifying them of the death of Mr. Woods' father, Lee Woods. He had been in ill health for several years. He was formerly a Kent resident.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer, who is a freshman at O. S. C., Corvallis, came home Tuesday to spend spring vacation week. He was accompanied by Ed Ward and Norma Settle of Corvallis and Phyllis Haynes of Philomath.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Helyer were at Moro Saturday where Mrs. Helyer was having dental work done.

Robert Mitchell and Dean Guyton motored to Portland Wednesday. They returned Friday accompanied by Clarice Mitchell who will stay a few weeks with her parents while convalescing from an operation before returning to Business college in Portland.

J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie were visitors at the county agents office in Moro Saturday.

Kent Grange No. 688 will hold its regular meeting Saturday evening March 27th.

J. H. Wilson left Saturday for Spokane, Wash., where he will transact business.

Marion Morrow went to the Dick Reckman ranch near Grass Valley last week where he will drive tractor during spring work.

Mrs. L. M. Schadewitz and children and Harley McKay of Bandon are spending a few days at the

George McKay home.

Max Pluemke was an overnight visitor in The Dalles Tuesday where he received medical attention for a sore ear.

Kent people who attended the funeral of Maxine Kramer at Shaniko Wednesday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis and son Luther Warren Jr. and Mrs. Guy Hoskinson and son Dan. Mrs. Ada Guyton, Mrs. Pearl Guyton, Mrs. J. J. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell and daughter Juanita and son Robert, Mrs. George Barnett and daughter Rossellen, LeVina Barnett, Maxine Pluemke, Geraldine Norton, Helen Wilson, Myrtle and Robert Helyer, Paul Schilling, Cecil Norton, and Phyllis Haynes.

WORK NEEDED FOR GARDEN

"Systematic work is as essential to success in the vegetable garden as in the regular care of the dairy, poultry and stable. No garden will thrive and be satisfactory under irregular, inconsistent attention, any more than would a cow milked whenever the farmer took a notion."—A. G. B. Bouquet, professor of vegetable crops, Oregon State college.

Notice of Final Settlement

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Mattie Isaacs Doheny, deceased, has filed at the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account, and that Monday, March 22nd, 1937, at ten o'clock a. m. has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing objections to said Report, if any, and the settlement thereof.

Harvey F. Stone, Administrator of the Estate of Mattie Isaacs Doheny, Deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that Helen Deyo, administratrix of the estate of Clinton Clifford Calvin Deyo, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, her final account and that the said Court has set the 13th day of April 1937, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. in the office of the County Clerk of Sherman County at Moro, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the same, if any.

Helen Deyo, Administratrix.

J. Tracy Barton, Attorney for the Estate.

Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior
 U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, Feb. 4, 1937.

NOTICE is hereby given that Janette M. Sorahan, of Grass Valley, Oregon, widow of Philip S. Sorahan, who, on May 5, 1931 made Homestead Entry under Act Dec. 29, 1916, No. 027888, for NE1/4SW1, S1/4SW1, Sec. 28, N1, NW1/4SW1, 3rd, 33, SE1, Section 32, Township 2-South Range 18 - East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register, United States Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 14th day of April, 1937.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Stewart of Grass Valley, Oregon; Charles A. Stewart of The Dalles, Oregon; Horace McKee of Moro, Oregon; C. E. Quirk of The Dalles, Oregon.

W. F. Jackson, Register.
 18-19-20-21-22

"Melvin . . . MELVIN!"

"Huh, ma?"
 "Are you spitting in the fish bowl?"
 "No, but I been coming pretty close, Ma!"
 Father—Willis: I received a note from your teacher today.
 Willis—Is that so? Give me a quarter and I'll not say a word to Mom about it.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of Chester C. Medler, deceased, Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Chester C. Medler, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Sherman, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, with vouchers duly verified, within six months from the date thereof.

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 O. G. Hilderbrand, Administrator.

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