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GET THE FACTS

The Oregonian, in a Blue Monday editorial, discourses on the prospects for a short session of the coming legislature. It criticizes the 1939 legislature for slowness and for enacting many laws not demanded by the public.

Well over a thousand bills were introduced in the two houses of the 1939 legislature. While all were introduced by a member or members, few of them, indeed, were initiated by them.

The state departments had many bills. These administrative bodies each two years introduce—or have introduced—bills which they think, or hope, will correct their administrative troubles.

Then, throughout the biennium, organizations meet and demand legislation. Among these groups are the grange, the wheat league, the farm bureau, the wool growers, the cattle raisers, the AF of L, the CIO, the prune growers, the Townsend pension groups, the nut growers, the tax federation, the insurance men, the manufacturers, the consumers' league, the food dispensers, the liquor dispensers, the apple growers, the timber cutters, and Lo and Behold, even the newspapers.

Now, the Oregonian should know all this. It should know that the 1000 plus bills of 1939 were not the exclusive brain children of the 30 members of the legislative body.

But to quote a bit from the editorial in question: "There is no present recollection that the citizenry two years ago was looking forward with joy and anticipation to enactment of new laws, but the session that year broke the record with 555 enactments."

There were 555 laws passed. There was not any "amendatory and remedial laws" too. The 555 is the total. Of these 379 were amendments, 151 were repeals of laws, 25 were new laws.

There seems to exist—and we wonder how much of it come from lack of information—a feeling that any change in the laws is rather foolish. When the Oregonian hires a new columnist, buys a new type, or departmentalizes its news, we hear much talk of improvements to modernize and make better and more up to date.

Legislators are not anxious to stay in Salem after the forty days are up. Let the Oregonian be assured that the costs of a prolonged session bear most heavily on the members themselves.

It has long been a contention of the writer that in a democracy the newspapers are a quasi-public institution; that it is their duty to so explain the rather intricate processes of government so that the people will know what goes on; that an uninformed public is a danger that can be largely overcome by more complete explanation on the part of writers about government, especially newspaper writers.

the privilege of everyone. We hope it continues to be. But such criticism should be based on understanding of the problems confronted by the legislature. Would the Oregonian restrict the number of bills that might be introduced and thus prevent some group from placing its case before the state's lawmakers? Would it insist on a limited session that would leave work undone? Would it ask for briefer consideration of bills?

A law instructor is once said to have told his class that there were three essential rules to follow in any case. "Get the facts, GET THE FACTS, GET THE FACTS." It's good advice.

ODD, NO END

November has brought a strange phenomenon to some parts of Oregon. Surely it has been generally noted, or will be.

November 5, 1940 this county voted 741 to 328, better than two to one against permitting slot machines and other gambling devices to operate in this state.

Yet, despite the fact that such devices are as illegal as murder, they are still operated within the state and county. He who wishes to push his nickels in the slot may do so at his favorite tavern or other public place.

Two years after that election and nearly a month after the refusal of the people to legalize the machines again, they are still on hand. That rates as a phenomenon, a highly exceptional or unaccountable act.

Those Americans who will not tie up a dog to shoot it, will be interested in the method of the Roumanian Iron guard who shot some 64 political opponents in prison, after dark.

Thurman Arnold has been trying to find out about the so-called rackets in the building trades. Now the AF of J, asks that he be called off. We shall see what we shall see.

Oh! Heck, what's the use of saving civilization. All we do is boast of bombing so many cities each day. Let's be barbarians and throw coconuts and rocks.

Between striking and powder factory explosions this country may have as much trouble rearing as if we were being bombed.

In Other Days

From the Observer Dec. 1, 1911

J. M. Axtell has received news of the marriage of Joseph Black in Colorado. Mr. Black was once a pioneer in Sherman county.

Messrs O. Beaty, Perry Johnston and D. O. Stanton left for the wild-goose pastures at the Brock farm Wednesday. We trust they may be more successful in bagging the game than some 23 others who preceded them several days getting—nary a goose.

The government experimental farm at this city is having the lots adjacent to the office and residence buildings leveled, preparatory to seeding the lawn.

From the Observer Dec. 2, 1921

A disastrous train wreck occurred about 12:30 a. m. Wednesday when trains 12 and 17 met in a head on collision at mile post 97, just east of Celilo. Ten were killed and 30 injured. James Hanna is the only one from Moro known to have been on the train. Another passenger was Walter 18 year old brother of Martin Melzer. Another Sherman county family in the wreck was H. B. Van Gilder and wife, reported injured and taken to the hospital. Confusion of train orders is said to be the cause of the wreck.

Ar 11½ pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cushman on November 17.

Crass Valley Journal, Dec. 2, 1921

Miss Lucia Callison arrived Saturday evening from Hood River and will remain in the Pharmacy as chief assistant.

The shed part of the Fraley shop almost went down by the heavy weight of snow, and now Mr. Fraley is finishing the job, saying that he intended to take it down in the spring.

Quite a number of young folks enjoyed a social dance Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wiley.

The deep snow of last week is fast disappearing in the ground, and will be worth many dollars to Fherman county farmers.

People's Column

Dear Editor: I would like to take his way of thanking my many friends through your paper for the lovely birthday cards and letters they sent me on my birthday which was Thanksgiving. Eighteen came in one day, and when my niece brought them in to me, she sat down beside me and opened them and read them to me, and if I had been dying I think I would have still smiled I was so thrilled.

My niece wishes to thank you all for me. As it is impossible for me to thank you all separately, there being just 30, I take this means of doing so.

Very Sincerely, Jessie Henrichs, 8624 S. W. 21st Ave., Portland Ore.

Statehouse Gossip

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and 1940—only small property levies outside the six percent limit. Estimates of the tax commission hold good there will be no property levy again in 1942 and only a small levy against property in 1943 which may be also wiped out should there be a substantial increase in income tax revenues as is now indicated.

Governor Sprague who on Saturday filled two judicial posts in Meltonah county, one on the circuit bench and the other a district court position—is not expected to take any action toward filling the circuit judgeship left vacant by the death of Judge Mears who was elected to succeed Judge Tazwell whose term expires in January. Attorney General Van Winkle has ruled that the death of Judge Mears before qualifying for the circuit judgeship automatically continues Judge Tazwell in office until after the general election of 1942. This opinion, however, is disputed by many Oregon attorneys. The supreme court may be asked to settle the controversy.

Second only in point of interest to fight over the House Speakership is the contest that has developed over the post of sergeant at arms in the House for the forthcoming session. Joseph F. Singer of Portland who has held this important post for many years is being opposed at this time by Frank B. Tichenor of Port Orford, state representative from Coos and Curry counties in 1917. On the Senate side Banks Mortimer, Portland World War veteran, is said to be lining up support for his candidacy as sergeant at arms to succeed Allen P. Wheeler who, having been elected a county commissioner of Lane county at the recent election, will not again be a candidate for the Senate post which he has filled for the past three sessions.

The state budget, balanced as between recommended appropriations and estimated revenues and with a few thousand dollars to spare, is now in the hands of the printer and should be ready for distribution to members of the forthcoming legislative session well before the first of the year according to Budget Director Dave Eccles.

The state tuberculosis hospital east of Salem, established in 1910 celebrated its 30th anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. Dr. G. C. Bellinger has been superintendent of the institution for 27 of its 30 years. Constructed originally to accommodate 48 patients the hospital now has accommodations for 320 patients.

By John W. Kelly

(Continued from page one) navy yard, half a mile from the senate building, on the Potomac are provoked because they have an increase which amounts, to a pack of cigars a week. The thousands of lads who are rejected for instruction as air pilots will be given an opportunity to volunteer as bombardiers or navigators for the fighting planes. Most of the training planes were ordered from the Vultee plant in California, whose production has been held up by strike. It requires nine months to make a real army pilot.

Much has been said recently about George Washington's views regarding a third term, but no mention that George advertised for a cook when he learned that the cook he had was setting too good a "second table." Calvin Coolidge also kept an eye on the White House kitchen. The grocery bill must be paid by the President, but no other President was subjected to such venomous attacks as Honest Abe, as is documented by exhibits in the Lincoln Museum (admission 10 cents since Harold Ickes was given custody of the place).

Kent Family Holds Holiday Reunion

A Thanksgiving dinner and reunion was held Thursday at the grange hall in honor of members of the George McKay family. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Claude McKay and family of Vernonia; Mr. and Mrs. Louise Schadewitz and daughters of Coquille; Mr. and Mrs. John Koepke and daughters of Redmond; Mrs. Bert Cox and Warren Morgan of Grass Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Oris Cratty, daughter and sons: Hans Koepke; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith and family; Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cratty and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and children. Two sons, a daughter and their families were unable to be here.

Miss Winona Baker, the primary school teacher here, and Robert Mitchell were married in Vancouver, Washington last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Mae Cammack and Miss Esther Cammack spent Thanksgiving at Bend with Paul Cammack.

Mrs. Louise Schadewitz and daughters were dinner guests at the Arthur Cratty home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester, Wilson were at Dufer Sunday.

Miss W. C. Guyton who has been visiting at Oakland, California returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Koepke and George Witter, who spent several days visiting in Portland, returned home last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bothwell of Eugene spent the week end here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox of Grass Valley were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George McKay.

Louie Schadewitz was visiting Monday at the home of his brother, Carl Schadewitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Woods Thursday. Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyons and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Pluemke of Salem and Henry Moers of Portland spent the holiday week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Pluemke.

Visitors from here at the Chas. Forrester home near Goldendale Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz and John.

Mrs. Paul Smith, who spent the past two weeks in Portland, returned home Wednesday evening.

Miss Helen Halvorsen spent the week end visiting in Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Koepke went to Ciem Sunday to visit at the Ernest Barnett home a few days.

Mrs. Grace Gregg who had been at Grande Ronde, returned home last Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. I. Eck and son, and Miss Lillian Schassen of The Dulles were Thanksgiving day guests at the J. L. Davis home.

Saturday evening visitors at the J. L. Davis home were Corliss Andrews and Bill Bardenhagen.

A group of people gathered at the John Decker home Monday evening to chivari Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell.

CHURCHES

Moro Community Presbyterian Church, Sunday, December 1, 1940. 10:00 - Sunday School, classes for all ages.

11:00 - Morning Worship - Sermon by the pastor on the subject, "A Three Fold Heavenly Vision." Special music by the choir.

12:00 - Brief meeting of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School.

7:30 - Young peoples discussion hour at the manse. Subject, "The Meaning of Worship." Monday, December 2, at 7:00 p. m. the second covered dish dinner for the season will take place in the basement of the church.

All are cordially invited to attend and make this hour of fellowship helpful. The program for the evening is prepared by Mrs. Harry B. Pinkertor, and the pastor.

Henry G. Hans, Pastor.

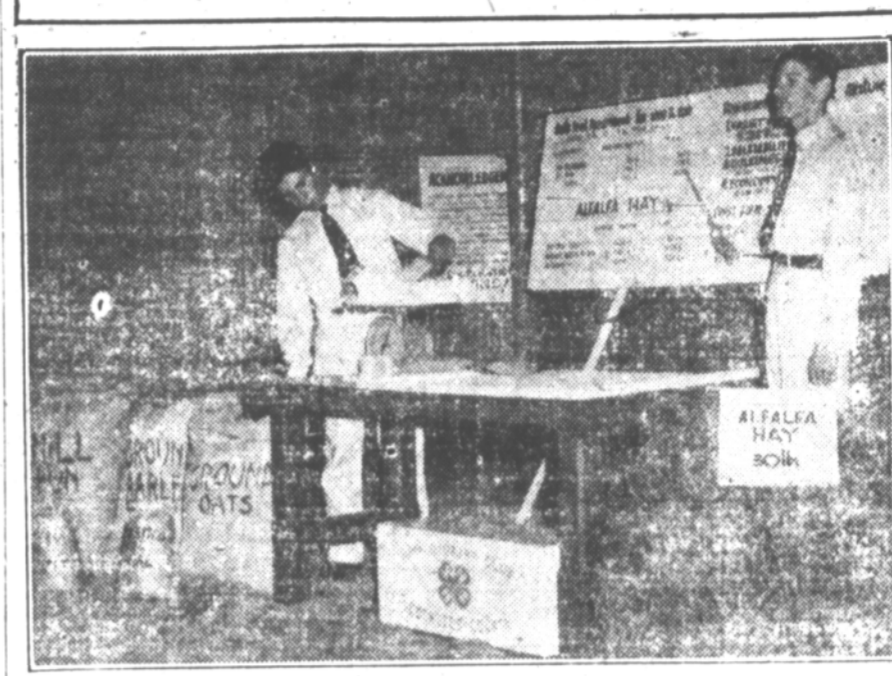
Wasco Methodist Church: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. Text, "Hold Fast That Which is Good." Social singing by the young people, and don't forget the pot luck dinner at the church after the morning service.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Lee Thursday afternoon, Dec. 5, at 2:00 o'clock. Preaching services at the Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

F. L. Cannell, Pastor.

Moro Christian Science Society, Sunday school convenes at 10:00 o'clock every Sunday morning in the Sunday school room at the rear entrance to the church building.

DAIRY 4-H BOYS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS



SEEN above are two Deschutes County, Oregon, 4-H boys during their demonstration on mixing a dairy ration at the recent National Dairy Show, Harrisburg, Pa., which won western state honors and each boy a \$250 college scholarship. At the left Irving Jones, 16, weighs out concentrates as Keith Shepard, 18, points to a chart to give the formula and scientific basis for the ration. The boys show the defecation of alfalfa hay when fed alone and the need of protein supplements to get maximum yields. The team was coached by G. Y. Haglund, county agent and was named to represent the state at Harrisburg by State Club Leader H. C. Seymour. The boys will use their scholarships, gifts of the Kraft Cheese Company, at the State College, where Keith plans to enroll the first of the year. Nine counties completed the contest, and for the fourth year to promote knowledge among 4-H members of improved dairy practices and to demonstrate them.

Shellfish Easily Contaminated

The most commonly eaten shellfish, oysters and clams, are excellent foods. They contain proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and many minerals. Oysters, particularly, are valuable in the treatment and prevention of anemia, because of their high iron and copper content. An abundance of manganese, calcium and iodine is found in shellfish, too.

The oysters grown in Oregon coastal waters are (1) Pacific oysters which have been transplanted from Japan, (2) native Olympia oysters and (3) Eastern oysters which are transplanted from the Atlantic coast. Razor clams are inhabitants of the northern beaches, and Eastern mud clams and great blue clams are plentiful in most Oregon bays. Mussels may also be found along the rocky sections of the coast, and while they are not of commercial importance they are eaten by many people.

It is unfortunate that while shellfish are such a nutritious food, they are so easily contaminated. In this respect, milk and shellfish are analogous. Since many shellfish are eaten raw and since considerable quantities of them are eaten only partially cooked, it is important that they be taken from areas free from sewage contamination, and that they be shucked, processed, packed and distributed in accordance with accepted sanitary practices. The methods employed in the handling, packing and distribution of shellfish should be analogous to those employed in the milk industry. If this is not done, outbreaks of intestinal diseases may be caused by contaminated oysters and clams.

The division of sanitary engineering of the State Board of Health, in cooperation with the U. S. Public Health Service, maintains supervision over shellfish growing areas and shellfish shucking and packing plants which produce and package raw shellfish for sale in interstate commerce. Surveys are made of growing areas, and bacterial analyses of water overlying shellfish beds are made to determine whether or not the water in which the shellfish live may contaminate the shellfish and in that way create a menace to the health of the shellfish consumers.

Shellfish live upon the minute plant life found in bay and ocean waters and, in order for them to extract their food from the water, they must pump great quantities of water through their gills. Just as diatoms and various other forms of plankton are strained out of the water, so too are bacteria. If the water in which the shellfish live is polluted with sewage, disease organisms may enter the

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account as administrator of the estate of Peter J. Peters, deceased, and that Monday, the 30th day of December, 1940, at 10:00 a. m. in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed by the court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Herbert D. Peters, Administrator

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Report and Account as Executor of the last will and testament of Walter A. May, deceased, and that Saturday, the 7th day of December, 1940, at ten o'clock a. m., of said day, at the courtroom, in the Courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

Paul May, Attorney for Administrator.

Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Executor.

Wasco Christian Church: Service Lord's Day, Dec. 1st, 1940. 10:00 - Church Bible School. 11:00 - Morning Hour of Worship. The communion and the message. "The Approved Life." 6:30 - Christian Endeavor. 7:30 - Evening Hour, in the House of God.

F. Claude Stephens, Minister.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Wednesday's trading at the Portland Union Stock Yards. CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$10.00 to \$10.50. Good grass steers and short feds \$8.50 to \$9.25. Good grain fed heifers \$8.75 to \$9.00. Good grass heifers \$7.75 to \$8.40. Good beef cows \$6.50 to \$7.25. Medium \$5.50 to \$6.25. Common \$4.50 to \$5.25. Canners \$3.25 to \$4.00. Bulls, medium to good \$6. to \$6.75. Odd heads \$7.00, common \$5.00 to \$5.75. Vealers, good to choice \$10.00 to \$10.50.

HOGS: Good to choice earlots \$6.50; 170 to 215 lb truckins \$6.40 to \$6.50; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$5.65 to \$6.00; lightweight butchers \$5.50 to \$5.75; packing sows \$3.75 to \$4.75. Feeder pigs \$4.00 to \$4.50. SHEEP: Good to choice wooled lambs \$8.40 to \$8.75; medium to good \$7.75 to \$8.25; common \$6.75 to \$7.50; Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$4.00 to \$4.50. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$7.50. Shorn lambs \$7.75.

bodies of shellfish as enormous quantities of water are pumped by the mollusks.

Persons who handle shellfish must be free of communicable disease and they must not be carriers of typhoid fever. Experience in other states has shown the seriousness of outbreaks which may be caused by a single carrier of typhoid fever. In 1939, an outbreak of 90 cases of typhoid fever in Louisiana was found to have been caused by oysters contaminated by a single oyster peddler. Investigation showed that the shell fish were contaminated by the practice of the peddler in discharging excreta from a boat into the water in which the oysters were stored prior to delivery and sale.

Supervision is maintained over methods of opening, washing, packing and storing of shellfish in the plants certified by the State Board of Health. Shellfish growers and shellfish dealers handling products approved by the State Board of Health, are granted a certificate, the number of which appears upon each package of their product. Such certification is required if the products are to be shipped into other states.

Shellfish plants must be constructed and maintained in a manner which permits easy cleaning. Hot water and steam for washing and disinfection of equipment are required. Shellfish handlers must obtain health cards, indicating that they are free from, or are not carriers of, communicable diseases. After shucking and washing, shellfish must be kept under adequate refrigeration.

Protect yourself by making certain that the shellfish you buy are obtained from a certified source, and are packed in a certified plant.

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