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GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

The radio nowadays brings the speeches of interest to the people and beyond doubt many people throughout the state heard Governor Sprague give his message to the legislature Monday afternoon.

It was a good talk, requiring about three-quarters of an hour, and it covered the state government and its problems rather more thoroughly than it is usually done.

The governor did not express himself as favoring one specific program of state development, but rather reviewed the work of the various departments for the biennium and suggested laws that might improve these situations or asked that no change be made.

He told legislators that he thought it best that they make no hard struggle to find other or new means of raising money this time. He said it would be better to divide the present income and not try to increase the taxes of any kind on the people. That sentiment will certainly have an appeal to the men and women who are right now digging down in their pockets for hard cash to send to Salem and Washington D. C.

Oddly enough the governor, although a Republican who has spoken against the new deal philosophy, asked in at least two instances that more power be given to appointed commissions. Centralization of authority is a growth that is as much in style as funny feminine hats, it appears.

The governor asked that some decision be made through legislation in the matter of workmen's compensation. This law has had two interim commissions working toward its change and both employers and employees want changes made. It appears they cannot agree. Employers and especially the commission want to eliminate the trial by jury method of determining the payment in case of disputed claims. It is not general in other states, the governor reported, but labor wants it retained—and may keep it.

The governor also asked that something be done for vocational education. The present need for trained men in war work has made this spot in our educational system more noticeable. The trouble with the bill of the 1939 session that would have permitted more vocational education was that it set up another school system alongside the one now in action and this seemed very uneconomical to the committee.

The chief executive spoke for more power for the game commission to set open seasons and catch limits. Last time the legislature refused to grant such authority. It may feel again that under a democracy it is the elected representatives of the people who should propose and dispose, and not an appointed board.

Citizens who, during this month, have time to sit around the fire and ponder on public matters might well start the procedure with a reading of the speech which is published. It gives a very fair review of the state's position and there will be something to agree with and disagree with for nearly every reader.

BILL BROWN

"Wagonire" Brown died last week thus ending one of the most colorful lives of Oregon's big country.

All who live in these parts have heard of Brown and have heard tales of his peculiarities, his use of simple epithets "Shucks, Confound it," his habit of firing his men and doing all the work himself until another crew arrived.

The most generous of men, he had at times a group of hangers on that would have broken a banker.

In comment on his death it has been said that he was a product of a period which permitted the growth of individualism and that his kind will never again be produced since complexity has come to the civilization and individuals are vanishing. Men—to follow this theory—are turning to machines themselves in this machine age.

We doubt that. There will be individuals for a long time yet.

They may not jump on a cayuse and ride hell for leather after a rustler, nor live on raisins, nor herd thousands of sheep in one land, nor fire men and hire them again in an hour. It is the days, the conditions, that have changed, not the element in men that makes some of them strongly individual.

In Other Days

From the Observer Jan. 10, 1902

Lands of the Moro Company in Horse Haven are rapidly reaching values. During the past year, many families have moved in from Nebraska, Kansas and the Dakotas. Within the next two years very little land will remain unbroken. This community is capable of producing over 3,000,000 bushels of grain and at the present rate of increase the time is not far distant.

H. A. Thompson, DDGM, installed the following officers of Moro lodge 64, AOUW, on the 7th: Charles Whitelaw, R. M. Brash, Art Barnum, H. S. McDaniel, A. E. Cousins, Jas. Tomlin.

From the Observer Jan. 19, 1912

The leap year surprise party given in honor of Everett Hastings at the home of his father, John Hastings, on January 12th was attended by the Misses Selia Nish, Edna Thompson, Eunice Kessinger, Georgia Fuller, Mabel Byers, Eva Ruggles, Katherine Hennings, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hennings, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Byers, and Messrs Homer Belshee, Clyde Kessinger, Ray Havener, Dewey Thompson, Bruce Keel, Chester Fuller, Serena Hall, Wesley Fuller, Arnold Kessinger.

Sheriff J. C. Freeman received word that his father was elected sheriff at Flagstaff, Arizona, at the recent election.

Prof. J. M. DeMoss died Jan. 17th, from the results of a paralytic stroke which he suffered a week ago.

From the Observer Jan. 20, 1922

A college romance came to a happy climax last Saturday, Jan. 14th when Edward L. Ward of DuFur and Miss Clara Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Thompson living near Moro, were quietly married at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kunsman, in the presence of witnesses only. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. H. G. Hanson of the Presbyterian church.

A. M. Young fell Thursday afternoon on the icy walk in front of Dr. Morgan's dental office, with the painful result of one broken rib now nicely done up in tight bandages.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Atxell left Tuesday for a three weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Teal and family at Battleground, Washington.

At The National Capitol

By John W. Kelly

Continued from page one. funds, wherever possible, for access roads. State highways commissions are not all in favor of this program.

For rivers and harbors and flood control the president proposes stopping any further work. There are 14 dams in the flood control program which he has eliminated—two are in Oregon. Only maintenance is allowed for rivers and harbors on existing projects.

In the ship building program, to be under the maritime commission, one or more yards will be located on the Willamette or Columbia, owned by the federal government and operated privately.

These are for steel ships. There will also be a program (yet unannounced officially) for wood ships and some of these may be allocated to Coos Bay, Tillamook and Astoria. For the time being the Puget sound yards have set up to handle and while one recently submitted bids on five cargo carriers, it was \$1,000,000 higher on each ship than a bid from Portland. Before the end of the year approximately 10,000 men will be employed in shipbuilding in the Willamette-Columbia area.

Chronology

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Committee women. May 31.—War on crickets being fought east of Wasco. City of Wasco refunding \$17,000 in bonds. New road built across back Finnegan by county crew.

June.—Weed control district voted by court. The Pacific Power and Light company hold open house in celebration of its 30th anniversary.

June 14.—Station field day scheduled for June 21. Moro and Grass

Valley Grain Growers elect officers.

June 21.—School districts hold annual meetings and generally elect same directors. Bob King wins many prizes at the Union Livestock show.

June 28.—Tex Irzyk badly hurt in accident with binder. Wheat prospects about normal. (Continued next week)

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one) (a member relief commission it was with the thought that this body would only supervise the administration of emergency and unemployment relief, as financed by county and federal funds. For the purpose of this "supervising" the legislature magnanimously appropriated the sum of \$15,000. But the state soon discovered that it was not to get off so lightly and at the special session which convened in November of that same year, the lawmakers authorized the expenditure of \$3,000,000 for relief, the money to come out of the profits of the state's liquor monopoly which the lawmakers set up at this time.

Then in 1935 the legislature found it necessary to still further increase the state's share of the relief burden and authorized the expenditure of \$5,500,000, also to be taken out of liquor profits. The session of 1937 still further increased this biennial authorization to \$6,500,000—\$5,000,000 out of liquor profits and \$1,500,000 out of the general fund. Due to technical complications, however, the \$1,500,000 appropriation was not touched and this amount was recaptured by the 1939 session which added another \$600,000 appropriation from the general fund and a \$6,500,000 authorization out of liquor profits for a grand total of \$8,600,000.

Continuing this upward trend the governor has recommended that the current session still further increase the state's contribution toward relief needs to \$9,250,000 of which \$6,799,900 is to come from the liquor business and \$2,450,100 from the general fund.

Only major amendment to the new parole law to be sought at this session of the legislature will be one requiring committing magistrates to impose the maximum penalty "as provided by law" in all cases according to Fred Finsley, state parole director. Such an amendment will eliminate the inequalities that now exist in prison sentences, Finsley explained. The longer maximum sentence will not mean longer prison terms but will actually tend to shorten the time prisoners are confined Finsley said. Under the parole law the new parole board is authorized to release prisoners as soon as they are found to have qualified for parole. Factors taken into consideration in deciding this question include the attitude of the prisoner toward society and his conduct since entering the penitentiary. Under this policy, copied from other states operating under similar statutes, it is possible for a prisoner serving a long sentence to be released on parole before he has completed his first year of penal servitude whereas another prisoner under a much shorter sentence might be detained for a much longer period.

Indicative of the splendid condition of Oregon's young men 71.2 per cent of the first thousand men examined in this state under the recent conscription act were found physically fit for military service, according to Lt. Col. Emer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. Another 15.3 per cent were found qualified for limited military service and only 13.5 per cent were found to be physically unfit.

A mix-up in the printing of the new codes necessitating the re-printing of four volumes has resulted in a delay in the introduction of new bills in both houses and up to Tuesday night only two measures had been dropped into the hoppers. Both of these are senate bills. One provides for a radical change in the speed laws, making present indicated speeds prima facie and repealing the basic speed law which has proven ineffective in curbing speeders in the several years it has been tried in this state. The proposed prima facie speed law would shift the burden of proof in a charge of speeding from the shoulders of the arresting officer to those of the accused motorist. The other measure bears the names of Senator Steiwer of Wheeler county and Representative French of Sherman county and seeks to exempt certain cooperative telephone associations from taxation.

Publishers of the new code have promised to have complete sets of the revamped edition in the hands of the lawmakers before the end of the week when it is expected the deluge of bills will start to flow to the House and Senate desks and thence into committees. A

Kent Grange Initiates Eleven Candidates

Kent Grange No. 688 held its regular all day meeting Saturday, January 11. Louie Sather, newly elected Master for 1941, was in the chair for his first meeting. Business was completed before noon and a pot luck dinner was served. The afternoon was devoted to conferring the 1st and 2nd degrees on the following candidates: Earl Lyons, Doris Howell, Dorothy Cratty, Thelda Beyers, Maude, Merrill and Glen Sather, Edna Schilling, Helen Halvorsen, Jerry Wilson Jr., Dolores Gregg, and James Mobley. About 50 were present for this meeting.

J. J. Decker has a new drilled well just completed and has water at a depth of 333 feet which he thinks will afford an abundance of water.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell and Mrs. Volna Guyton and son Robert motored to Hermiston Saturday where Mrs. Guyton remained to care for her mother, Mrs. Wm. Mitchell who was ill with influenza. The Mitchells returned to Kent the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay are at Redmond where they will reside for some time while the former are employed on REA work.

Vivian Fritts was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones Saturday.

Kent is experiencing the most disagreeable weather of the winter, including fog and ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyons and daughters Mary Lou and Sammie Jean and sons Earl and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and daughter Bobetta, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson and sons Norman and James and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cooley were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay Sunday.

The occasion being the birthday anniversary of Franklin McKay.

Wayne McCullach of Antelope is staying at the Volna Guyton ranch assisting with the chores while Mrs. Guyton is away.

Mrs. G. L. Barnett and sons Melvin and Eugene and Mrs. Roseleen Jennings of Cow Canyon visited briefly at the J. L. Matthes home enroute to The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and Clarence Cooley motored to Stevenson, Wt., Friday when they brought Mrs. Cooley back to Kent where the Cooleys have employment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthes, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barnett attended the card party at Grass Valley Saturday evening, the first of a series sponsored by the Rebekahs of that place.

Wren Hogue and son Roy of Grass Valley and Frank Bennett of The Dalles were at Kent Monday morning to move their well drill to Grass Valley.

Oscar and Clinton Jenkins of Fossil were over night guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson Wednesday night. These boys fathers are twin brothers and life long friends of the Wilsons.

James Kinney and Lyle Whaley of Shaniko transacted business in Kent Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson Friday evening.

Kent town team played Wasco basketball town team on the Kent floor Saturday evening and were defeated 29 to 24.

Large number of measures are known to have been drafted and in readiness for introduction when the session opened.

A half dozen measures sponsored by the state highway commission were placed in the hands of the senate committee on roads and highways Monday and will be introduced as committee bills. The most important of these would authorize the highway commission to construct "freeways." These are super highways ingress and egress to and from which would be under the absolute control of the commission. Such a highway, it is explained, would be free of service stations, hot dog stands and automobile camps, except at widely separated points designated by the highway department.

Another of these bills would authorize the operation of longer trucks up to 60 feet, and heavier loads over highways with permission of the highway department. Still another seeks to control sign boards along public highways.

A number of forestry bills, some amendments to the liquor laws, changes to the PUD act, an amendment or two to the milk control law and numerous other measures are in the making and can be expected to make their appearance early in the session.

Kent P.T.A. met at the school auditorium Monday evening, January 13th to discuss hot lunches for the school children and to make plans for a party for the children some time in the near future, but due to bad weather only seven were present.

Weather Warms Wind Changes Ice Thaws

The thaw of Tuesday noon came as a welcome relief to burdened trees, telephone and power lines and to the linemen trying to keep them in working order. They were heavy laden with several days collection of clinging rain and sleet which had become two inches or better thick on the wires and branches. Many new country telephone lines were reported broken in several places, the power service was intermittent and huge branches were broken from trees.

The highways and roads were slick and dangerous enough that all drivers were so very cautious that no serious accidents were reported. The snow of Monday night and Tuesday morning was so fine that only about an inch or so piled up.

A crew of telephone company men came Monday evening to make temporary connections in the lines on Nigger ridge where many cross arms and some large poles snapped off at the ground under the weight of the snow and ice.

Jan. Max Min Precipitation

Table with 4 columns: Date, Max, Min, Precipitation. Rows for Jan 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

Weather records at the experiment station show that .82 inch of precipitation has fallen so far this month. Average for January is 1.55 inches. Over half that amount has fallen during the first half of the month. Total snow to date for January has amounted to about 7 1/2 inches, although it has not been deeper than 4 inches at any one time. It is sufficient however to give the crops considerable protection.

Blitz Weinhard Beer advertisement featuring a bottle image and text: 'First TRY THE SECOND BOTTLE. The real test of a truly great beer is second bottle satisfaction! Next time Try Two—and satisfy yourself!'

Legislative Comment and Predictions

Giles French

The 41st legislative assembly of Oregon got under way Monday with little or no evidence of the struggle for the speakership that gave some signs of disrupting the house organization before it was made. Farrell's group was able to attach to it the newly appointed G. C. Huggins who took the place of injured Bertie McCloskey and the long doubtful Orval Thompson of Albany who has been astride the fence since the speakership campaign began.

House members seem a trifle worn out from the acrimony of fighting for their officers and the first day was without startling event or signs of activity other than prosaic organization. The quietness of the day was real in another way. There is no long string of women at the door asking each legislator for a job, few men to button hole one and speak of his delinquent rent and hungry children when asking for a few days work. The effect of the war preparations are thus felt.

War preparations may also be felt in the lack of hard fighting for more relief money. The governor's budget has raised this fund from the \$18,000,000 it was last year to \$21,000,000 and that will probably suffice, things being what they are. It may be just as well to save the taxpayers for the demands that will likely be made upon them when the war preparations cease.

Committee appointments were announced late Monday evening in the house although senators know their places for work before that time. Senator Steiwer will be chairman of Assessment & Taxation and a member of Elections & Privileges, Industries, Livestock and Resolutions.

Representative French is chairman of Land Use, as in 1939 session, and is a member of Assessment & Taxation, Revision of Laws and Utilities as well as being a vice chairman of Medicine, Dentistry & Pharmacy.

Representative Harvey Miller is vice chairman of Game and a member of Elections (which may be a very important one) Forestry and Livestock.

There is much talk of the length of the session but no enthusiasm about the 40 day intention of leaders.

Salem seems rather unconcerned about the whole thing. The lack of big interest in the job (of course there are enough applicants but not as many as before) the fact that there were tickets galore for the governor's speech and the floor was not filled and the absence of great crowds around the Marion Hotel lobby to fling and strive for point or place indicate that the citizenry has other fish to fry.

Market Prices Rise

The Live Stock market at the Portland Union Stock Yards, during the week ended January 11, showed 25c to 50c gain in the cattle prices, hog market prices advanced 50c to 75c from late the previous week, and fat lambs were 25c to 50c higher. There were 2,602 cattle, 237 calves, 3,809 hogs and 2,136 sheep in the open market receipts during the past week.

Monday's trading this week included 2,572 cattle, 165 calves, 2,395 hogs, and 2,045 sheep on the open market.

The cattle market was generally unchanged Wednesday, except for carner and common cows, which were strong to 25c higher in spots.

Wednesday's hog prices were generally 50c or more a cwt. higher than Monday's quotations, with a carload top of \$9.50, and the bulk of the good to choice 170 to 215 lb truckins bulked at \$9.25 to \$9.50.

Wednesday's prices in the sheep markets were generally unchanged from Monday's quotations.

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Wednesday's trading: CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$10.00 to \$11.00. Good grain fed heifers \$9.00 to \$9.25. Good beef cows \$7.25 to \$7.85, medium \$6.50 to \$7.00, common \$5.50 to \$6.50. Vealers, good to choice, \$10.50 to \$11.50. Bulls, medium to good, \$6.75 to \$7.75.

HOGS: Good to choice carlots \$9.50; 170 to 215 lb truckins \$9.25 to \$9.50; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$8.50 to \$8.75; lightweight butchers \$8.50 to \$8.75; packing sows \$6.00 to \$7.25. Feeder pigs \$8.50 to \$9.00, few to \$9.25.

SHEEP: Good to choice fed woolled lambs \$8.75 to \$9.25; medium to good \$8.00 to \$8.50; common \$7.50 to \$7.75. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$4.50 to \$5.25. Shorn lambs \$8.00 to \$8.25, fall shorn to \$8.50.

Wheezed Again, by Crackle! Us: (Trying to buy some ill-minds) "Who attends to the nuts?" Clerk: "Just be patient, I'll wait on you in a minute."

"How'd you get along with your wife in that fight the other night?" "Aw, she came crawling to me on her knees."

"Yeah? What did she say?" "Come out from under that bed, you coward!"

"Sadie, what is a gentleman?" "A gentleman," answered Sadie, "is a man you don't know very well."

"I need ten bucks and I don't know where to get it."

"I'm glad that, I was afraid you thought you could get it from me."

Advertisement for Hermitage Whiskey: 'The Little Hermits say: "IT HITS THE MARK for Quality, Flavor and Value!"' Includes image of a bottle and text: 'National Distillers Products Corporation, New York. GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF Attorney At Law Moro and Wasco.'

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned, Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Minerva J. Medler, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon, his final account as such Administrator of said Estate and that Friday, the 31st day of January, 1941 at the hour of 10.00 o'clock a. m., has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing of objections to said report, and the settlement thereof.

E. E. Barnum Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Minerva J. Medler, Deceased. Gavin & Gavin, Attorneys. 8-11

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. hall Transient visitors are cordially invited to meet with us.

Joe Ritner N.G. Vernon Miller Sec.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d & 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Helen Martin N. G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

Wendell Balsiger W.M. C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78 O.E.S. Moro, Oregon Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each month. Visiting members invited.

Patricia Woods Sec. Dorothea Moore, W.M.