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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Oregon citizens have voted several times on the proposition of having a lieutenant governor and they have always turned it down. Whenever there is trouble electing a president of the senate the idea is brought forth again. This time it has the support of the governor.

It may well be that citizens of Oregon feel that the only function of a lieutenant governor would be to break a senatorial tie in voting for a president of the senate. In fact, there wouldn't be a president of the senate if there was a lieutenant governor for that official would preside over that body.

In Oregon the senate president becomes governor when that office is vacated either permanently or temporarily. By custom an experienced legislator is elected senate president. It always has been a man respected by his fellows and one who has spent years in state government. We have no reason to complain about the quality of men who have succeeded to the governor's chair because they have been equal to those elected by the people.

To elect a new officer for the state and give no duties other than biennially to preside over the senate would be a serious waste of money and ability. No able man wants an office that carries no responsibilities. Too often lieutenant governors are party hacks or men who are willing to accept a job with a high sounding title and no duties.

If there were administrative duties to give to a lieutenant governor there might be an excuse for one. But to give him such duties would be to take them away from the governor which few governors would permit, or like if the legislature so ordained.

It is our considered belief that Oregon doesn't need a lieutenant governor; that our system is better and that it provides a better successor to the governor. Had we arranged for a lieutenant governor years ago he would have been, in all probability, a Republican, a fact that would greatly distress those most loudly advocating the election of a new official.

TAXES
People all over seem to be getting stirred up about high taxes. Just why, we do not know, except there must be some truth in the old saw about the worm turning. Even Democrats, a party usually given to high taxation are being critical of the Eisenhower budget which was a pretty high estimate of what the nation could get along with for the year.

Of course, Senator Byrd has always been critical of high taxes and Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey has said several times that we must make government curtail expenses and stop doing everything asked of it. President Hoover, the other night, made a plea for efficiency in government. All three of these gentlemen have been asking for economy a long time without getting it and the fact that all were heard in the same week doesn't necessarily mean a reduction in spending.

In Oregon voters are concerned about what might happen to state taxes if the legislature should, in a mood of partisan adherence to the governor's program, approve all the costs entailed. It is not our feeling that the legislature will do so, nor that members will be pressured to follow the governor who has never been famous for getting things done. His element is conversation and talking.

Moro Personals
Representative and Mrs. Allen Tom were in the county over the week end and visited their daughter who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson during the legislative session.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kock of Stevenson, Wash., were weekend guests of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock.

Ralph and Earl Rasmussen visited here recently from Hood River with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rasmussen.

HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS
Twenty-five years ago this editor wrote many times about the horse and buggy days which were then fading rapidly into memory. Then a majority of the readers of this newspaper remembered the horse teams, the long hours and the method of farming necessary when power came from 12 horse teams instead of tractors.

In looking back over the old files we note that we quit writing on this subject some years ago. It was probably wise although it wasn't a decision; it was not done deliberately. Now there are not many who can remember the horse and buggy days which makes their history instead of memory.

Sherman county farmers these days are young men. Men who learned to plow with a tractor, who never saw a threshing machine, who cannot sow a sack—and who don't want to. Some of them know how lucky they are and are glad they weren't born 40 years earlier into what the sad-faced poets referred to as this vale of tears.

Perhaps there should be some place where the coming generation could find out about the farming practices of the generation now rapidly passing. It might make the youngsters feel better. We do think they feel definitely superior because their farming is easier and we doubt the wisdom of that for in a couple generations more methods will probably seem as obsolete as does horse and buggy farming to them.

Were we to write a piece extolling the husky men who manned the Jackson forks on the old steam thresher rigs it would be history to most of our readers although there are a number of old forgers who would enjoy recalling those days. If we were to say that pretty soon now it would be time—in horse and buggy days—to get the work stock up and begin feeding them some grain and trimming their foretops, it would be a bit of history because it is beyond the recollection of most.

GROUNDHOG
Some of the more observing hunters in the county have corrected our assumption in last week's editorial. They say there are groundhogs in Sherman county and lots of them in places.

We are sure they are right and stand corrected. Just what variety of groundhogs we have is not known but there are many kinds of marmots over the United States and it is entirely possible that we have one or more of them.

The fauna of the county has changed in many ways since white man first came. Once there were deer and antelope, then they disappeared for years and years, and only recently have become a common sight. There was once so many rabbits that a large population of coyotes could not keep them down. Then a large part of them died from some disease. Once upon a time we had the little Columbia squirrels and when men built bridges across the Deschutes we began getting grey diggers and chipmunks.

So we have groundhogs. Those animals that fulfilled their purpose as weather prophets last Saturday morning and got out of their holes saw their shadows. It was a bright, sunny day. So it will be as sure as a groundhog's promise, be six full weeks before spring. But the weather has been fine this week.

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Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. N.G. Vada DeMoss, Laura Grabenhorst, Secretary

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WEEK'S NEWS



GEN. ALFRED GRUENTHER (left) is installed as new President of the American Red Cross. He is being congratulated by Ellsworth Bunker (right), who resigned as Red Cross President to become U. S. Ambassador to India.



OPERATIONS to clear the blocked Suez Canal continue. The French dredging ship, "Quaker" (right) starts salvage operations in Port Said harbor aided by other United Nations vessels.



JAMES J. SHEA, Milton Bradley president and his development staff rode over Chrysler's proving grounds many times before creating "Test Drive", new 3D game hit which realistically reproduces the tough course. Miniature cars are "driven" by magnets.



MRS. JENNIE H. GRAVES, right, president of Vogue Dolls, Inc., presents \$25,000 worth of Ginny and Ginetta dolls and accessories to Greer Garson, who accepts them on behalf of the Child Welfare League of America. The organization will distribute the dolls to underprivileged youngsters.

Home Owners Have Advantages In Income Tax Reports
Are you a home owner or in the process of buying? If so, this is the time of year that you have the edge on your rent-paying friends since many expenses involved in home ownership can be deducted in computing income taxes.

Because details often slip from memory and since proof will be needed if the return is challenged, now is a good time to start a file of cancelled checks and other necessary papers for next year.

For most home owners, the biggest deduction will be the amount of interest paid on the mortgage during 1956. Other major allowable items are property taxes and casualty losses.

Naturally, ordinary costs of running and maintaining the household are not deductible. So don't claim redecoration items, light bills, insurance and other personal expenses.

Home purchasers in the early stages of a mortgage will find it especially important to check out their deductible costs. For about the first quarter of the life of the mortgage, interest payments exceed the amount of the principal every month. Then, as the home

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Letter From Salem
By Nicky Tom

Representative John Goss of Multnomah county is introducing a bill to put an advertising slogan on Oregon automobile license plates. Many states already use this means of plugging their chief commodities or recreational facilities. Why shouldn't we do the same? Georgia is the "Peach State", Michigan the "Water Wonderland", New Mexico the "Land of Enchantment". If any of you people in our part of the state would like to suggest a slogan boosting one of the many fine features of our state Mr. Goss would be happy to hear from you. He just hopes you will write soon, since the bill will shortly be in committee.

Henry Peterson, lone resident, is a valuable addition to the staff of House employees. After serving five sessions as Representative from the 22nd district, forty-one through forty-nine, he is well qualified to assist the new members and employees. Most of his time is spent as doorman in the gallery, but he is quick to move in wherever he is needed. He told me today that he is pleased to see so many young men in the House this session.

Twenty-five year old John Kerbow from Klamath Falls holds the youth record this session. His first political activity came in high school when he carried the

ball for Truman in a Truman-Dewey debate. He entered the last primary almost by default when the other men toying with the idea failed to file. With the support of labor he defeated Henry Simon, veteran of many sessions, who had just changed his registration from Democrat to Independent. Representative Kerbow's younger brother, Dick, has taken a semester away from his studies at Southern Oregon College of Education to serve as his brother's secretary. Dick is thoroughly enjoying the experience but he has no desire to follow in his brother's footsteps.

Floor activity in the House is picking up each day. Monday morning brought the first debate when House Memorial No. 2 endorsing Federal Aid to Education was voted upon. Reaction to the measure was not determined by party affiliation. The vote was in favor of the Memorial, 46 to 13.

Friday morning the John Day Dam Memorial, introduced by Tom, received unanimous passage. Two of the members rose to explain they were voting for the Memorial reluctantly since they still feel strongly that it should be a partnership project, but they realize we must have the dam under any circumstances. Representative Chindgren brought a chuckle from the members when he asked Mr. Tom if the dam would flood out the town of Rufus.

Preceding the Friday morning session the House Labor and Industries committee held a public hearing on HB 193 providing for withholding union dues from salaries of state employees. Jim Daniels, representing the Oregon State Employees association, said he would favor the bill if it could be amended to include members of organizations other than labor unions.

The House Education committee held a hearing on Thursday on HB 163, the school district reorganization bill. The majority of witnesses appearing before the committee favored the bill. Mrs. Lucille Gideon, legislative chairman for the state PTA, said later that she is really optimistic this session over the future of the bill.

Chairman Joe Rogers provided the big laugh of the week as he thanked Tom Scanlon, labor union representative, for his testimonial. "We appreciate the fact that labor has always been sym-

pathetic to education," he said, "but after all, they should be. People in labor have children like everybody else."

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
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 Richard Abell, deceased, and that Wednesday, March 6, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the Court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for said hearing of objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.
Luther W. Davis
Administrator

T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administrator 13-16c

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNTING

All persons having objections to the final accounting of Clyde L. Finley and Virginia E. Finley, executor and executrix of the estate of Alvin Keenan, deceased, shall file same before the 11th day of March, 1957, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., which is the time fixed for settlement of said account and the County Court Chambers at Moro, Oregon, is the place fixed.

CLYDE L. FINLEY
Executor
VIRGINIA E. FINLEY
Executrix

DICK & DICK
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorneys for the Estate 13-16c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

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 Executor of the Estate of Vernon K. Van Gilder, deceased, and that Monday, February 25, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.
Glenn Van Gilder
Executor

T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Executor 12-15c

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