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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Incoming governor, Mark Hatfield, took his time in recommending things he would like to have done for Oregon. That is his privilege and his duty. The legislature must act to make most of his advice operative.

We like his pitch for economy and we do not think that many of his recommendations will be expensive. If he is able to get the things done he wants done the state government will be more efficient and less costly, although some departments will have more money.

He would reorganize the board of agriculture. This board has been a matter of contention many times and probably will be again. We are not certain but that it should be eliminated instead of the state fair board.

The governor's proposal for a homestead exemption is entirely political. This would give homeowners over 65 an exemption if they have gross income less than \$2500 or a home worth less than \$7500.

THE BUDGET

The budget for the state of Oregon contains 324 pages letterhead size proving that it is quite a book. It is better arranged than usual and easier to read. There is an explanation of each appropriation and this has reduced the detail of figures so that it is impossible to know what has been requested except in full figures.

In addition to the boards and commissions recommended for the death penalty by Governor Hatfield there are as many more that might well be ended. Most of these require small appropriations.

By classification the budget breaks down like this: Education, \$169,199,594; natural resources, \$8,993,455; licensing and regulation of business \$731,266; Public Health \$30,295,826; Public Welfare \$37,100,850; Veterans \$6,688,290; Protection to Persons and Property \$23,475,654; general government \$12,785,862; salary adjustment \$2,250,000 and the building fund of \$2,494,550 which makes a total of \$298,615,347.

In addition to these sums the state will get \$609,772,789 from other resources: the federal government, fees and other income. That is roughly \$520 per year per Oregonian. We do not know of many persons who get \$520 in value from the state.

may interest. At the Oregon State hospital the number of inmates increased by 13 from July 1956 to July 1958 and the employees increased by 15; at the Eastern Oregon hospital inmates increased by five and employees by 34; at the penitentiary the inmates decreased by 103 and the employees increased by 16.

One difficulty legislators will have is to learn enough to do a proper job of estimating needs. When members of the Ways and Means committee stayed on the job year after year, they had more information than can be expected of new men.

KILL THE GOOSE

Reports and evidence that this congress is going to inaugurate a wholesale investigation of business is probably an indication of politics and preparation for 1960 when, we understand, there will be a major election.

A little annoyance won't hurt business on the same theory that a few fleas are good for a dog because they keep him from worrying about being a dog. But any major move that upsets business will do great harm and it is impossible to conceive of a congress so ignorant as to want to persecute business when it is business that contributes the taxes that make it possible for congress to be so generous with its political supporters.

We have no idea what sort of an economic system we would have if we did away with capitalism. We know of no other so good. Although capitalism is not perfect depending as it does on the lack of public demand to curb human avarice, it is the best so far concocted to develop a country and permit freedom of action.

So we hope the proposed investigation of business is entirely political and it may be assumed that it is just that. Further: we doubt if it is very good politics.

WHISKERS

Fidel Castro's Cuban bandits have been pictured much of late and some of them are finely bearded men, which may have come about because living in camp did not provide shaving facilities. Cuban weather in our estimation would not require a full beard for warmth.

Some men in Oregon are raising beards in honor of the approaching centennial of the state's birth. The campaign for a general board growing fell by the wayside early probably because of feminine opposition. A woman might don a pioneer costume for a day of celebration and still dislike her escort to be bearded. Beards cannot be taken off as quickly as clothes. Certainly not if needed the next day.

Sherman high school had a basketball player with chin whiskers the other night but we didn't find out if it was from sympathy with Castro's men or emulation of the pioneers.

Certainly ladies loved the pioneers as fondly as modern ladies love their men and they did it in spite of beards. Beards, we are sure, were among the lesser hardships of pioneer life. It is apparent that humans will persist in an occupation or an affection in the face of hardships more loyalty than if there were none.

Nevertheless and overlooking Castro and the centennial, we do not expect whiskers to become popular. It doesn't seem the right time for it. Whiskers are for sweaty men, men who have time to scratch, men who smoke pipes. Modern man doesn't fit the requirements.

CENTENNIAL

February 14 is the 100th anniversary of the admission of Oregon to statehood and that will be the appropriate day for a celebration of that fact. There will be a statewide observation, probably in Portland or Salem.

What we are here concerned with is an observance of the day right here in Sherman county which also has a February birthday, the 25th.

We would be glad to know if there is interest.

Dr. Harold Erickson Writes Health Column

People are constantly wondering what to do about the common cold. The classic answer of course is that an untreated cold will last about seven days, but proper medication will cut its duration to only one week.

Unfortunately, despite some advertising claims, science still can't do much about a cold itself, but proper care and treatment can greatly reduce discomfort. A "fresh" cold is pretty serious to the person who has it, but is rarely dangerous. The hazard in a cold is its ability to weaken, laying its victim open to such serious secondary infections as pneumonia. A person with a cold should get plenty of rest, keep warm, and avoid a heavy diet.

If the victim is very uncomfortable, runs more than a light fever, or does not seem to make normal progress, the family physician should be consulted at once, and his instructions should be followed closely. Your maiden aunt's old-fashioned prescription of a hot mustard plaster may be meant kindly, but the doctor's treatment will be more effective.

While on the subject of colds, we may well blow an old-fashioned theory, though it's such a deep-seated conviction that mere words probably won't change many minds. Colds aren't caught by getting the feet wet or sitting in a draft. Colds are caused by a very tiny virus breathed in with air sneezed or coughed out by some one with a cold.

If everyone would think how miserable they feel that first day or two with a cold, and practice the Golden Rule by staying at home, and sneezing and coughing into disposable tissues, the common cold wouldn't be nearly so common.

Oregon In History

January 23, 1851—The city of Portland was incorporated effective this day and became the second incorporated community in the Oregon Territory, Oregon City having become the first, and indeed the first west of the Rocky Mountains, upon its incorporation in 1844 by the Provisional legislature.

January 24, 1870—The prospectus of the forthcoming city directory, released today, lists 37 incorporated companies in Portland with an aggregate capital of \$40,000,000. Among the occupations listed are the following: 7 sewing machine agents, 1 soda water manufacturer, 6 editors, 3 gold dust dealers, 1 wig maker, 29 physicians including 3 Chinese and 47 retail liquor dealers.

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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" BY C. WILSON HARDER
It is quite possible new Congress will be asked to vote into being a national sales tax.
For some time, some high officials in public speeches, have been raising this matter apparently as a trial balloon, to test out sentiment.
Whether or not this would be proposed as a substitute for the present income tax, or as an additional tax, is not yet made clear.
One thing C. W. Harder seems certain. Any such proposal will have determined opposition.
For example, on several occasions, voting through the National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's small businessmen have voiced opposition to such a measure.
For one thing, this would put business firms still deeper into the situation whereby they are instrumentalities of the United States government when it comes to tax collections.
It is perhaps well nigh impossible for anyone not operating a business to realize how much is shouldered by the average business in acting as an involuntary tax collection agency.
For example, in most states, a retailer not only has to collect income tax from his employees, he must also collect from them social security and unemployment taxes, excise taxes on goods carrying them, local sales taxes, just to mention a few.
He must also keep a penny for National Federation of Independent Business.
perfect accounting of these collections, and also keep constantly informed of all the multitude of rules and regulations pertaining to these taxes.
In most cases, this becomes such a major task, that it is necessary to employ experts on these matters.
Thus, a national sales tax would further aggravate the situation, because business would be expected to collect this tax.
In addition, it seems quite specious to believe that imposition of a national sales tax would reduce other taxes. True, as a beginning, there might be some reductions in other items, but once government gets a new source of revenue established, there seems to be no end to the extent of brand new "necessary" expenditures.
Rather, solution to national debt problem is for Congress to work out immediate means of reducing government expenditures. On this score, there seems to be general agreement. Only thing missing is action.
Yet simple arithmetic shows the need for action. For example, if a 2% national sales tax were to be levied tomorrow, which would be quite a high tax, it would bring in fresh revenues less than half of what the nation has been currently throwing away in foreign give aways.
Thus, Congress will have to face up to the fact that it is time to chop down expenditures.
A. I. is now, government is in the position of the man who unable to meet payments on his own automobile, nonetheless contracts to buy a second car to give to his cousin.

Artificial Incubation, Controlled Water Temperatures May Speed Fish Hatching

Down through the years we've probably heard—and we know you have too—of the artificial incubation of almost every kind of egg laying critter. And the incubation has been quite successful.

Artificial incubation has certainly long been a boon to poultry raisers and breeders, and the game commission today would be hard put to raise great numbers of pheasants, chukar partridge, and other game birds each year by any other means.

Now comes the stopper, though, when fish men have taken the incubation principle and adapted it to their own use.

Chris Jensen, chief fish culturist for the game commission, said that artificial incubation of trout and salmon eggs will get a try in Oregon with the installation of a 100,000 egg capacity unit at the commission's Alsea trout hatchery. The unit, now under construction, will be ready in time to artificially incubate eggs from this year's spring spawning steelhead trout.

Artificial incubation of trout eggs has already been tested in several states, and if it proves successful at the Alsea plant, additional units may be given trials at other game commission hatcheries.

The most important feature of the incubator, as with the commercial poultry incubators, is its thermostatic heat control, which in this instance regulates water temperature to any desired degree as it flows across the hatching trays. With such positive heat control, hatcherymen will no longer be forced to contend with varying water temperatures dictated by the whims of nature for hatching trout and salmon eggs, especially during the cold winter months when the bulk of hatching is under way.

The hatching time at game commission hatcheries varies anywhere from 45 days to as much as 3 1/2 months, depending on the temperatures of the water. Normally it takes about 50 days for trout eggs to hatch if the water temperature remains constant at around 50 degrees throughout the 50-day period. Warmer water shortens the hatching time, but as the temperature of water decreases the hatching time progressively increases. During cold winters when water temperatures remain barely above freezing for long periods, the egg hatch is delayed to where it is almost impossible to rear trout to catchable size before summer's end.

With constant control of water temperature, the hatching time can be shortened or lengthened as desired. Instead of having a delayed hatch during cold weather months or having one big hatch at a station with the resulting crowded pond conditions, hatches can be controlled to come off gradually over a period of several weeks and at the optimum time. Jensen believes that with care the hatching time could actually be shortened to as little as 35 days if necessary.

Potatoes Going Into Starch

One-third of the potatoes produced in Oregon went into the government's diversion program during 1958, the November report of the state department of agriculture's marketing specialist shows.

A total 64 per cent of the potatoes submitted for diversion were accepted according to W. L. Close, federal-state supervisor of shipping-point inspection who noted that the "percentage of specification A (No. 2's) for the month of November is down over the previous month. This reflects the diversion factor in that the diversion of entire fields of field-run is now out of the picture."

The total for Oregon in November amounted to 507,179 cwt., or 1,409 cars; specification A, 285,339, or 793 cars (56%) for a total cash to diverters of \$142,669.50.

Under the potato diversion program, the U. S. Department of Agriculture assists the industry to dispose of supplies in excess of market requirements.

Diversion potatoes are used for starch, feed, or flour. Any potatoes utilized for feed must be cut, chopped or sliced in order to qualify. Payments are made only for potatoes which are a minimum of two inches in diameter and are of U. S. No. 2 or better quality.

Water Condition Not Up To Par

Poor water supplies are anticipated in April-September 1959 for Hood River valley and Wasco county land unless striking increase occurs in the mountain snow-pack, according to a report released today by W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor for U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station.

Water content of snow is low. Phlox Point had only 4.9 inches of water compared to an average of 23.0. Still Creek had 2.0 inches while Clear Lake had but a trace. Some snow has fallen since the surveys were made on December 29.

Mountain soils are satisfactorily wetted; due in part to rain rather than snow at the high elevations most of the season to date.

The state-wide outlook for Oregon's 1959 water supply, as of this early winter date, is not good. However, reservoir water supplies are excellent with most reservoirs holding well above average amounts. The mountain snow-pack averages a new record low according to current snow surveys.

Oregon In History

January 18, 1835—(On the Deschutes) ...I attempted to run their boat empty just as I took the Shute she struck a rock I did not see she swung round filled at once and commenced whirling like a top. I hung to her and passed without further damage than mashing both of my feet severely between the boat and a rock, was in much pain all this day but not lame ... men much tired and discouraged and wish to abandon the canoes which I do not mean to do until I am obliged to, cashed at the first portage to-day 22 traps.

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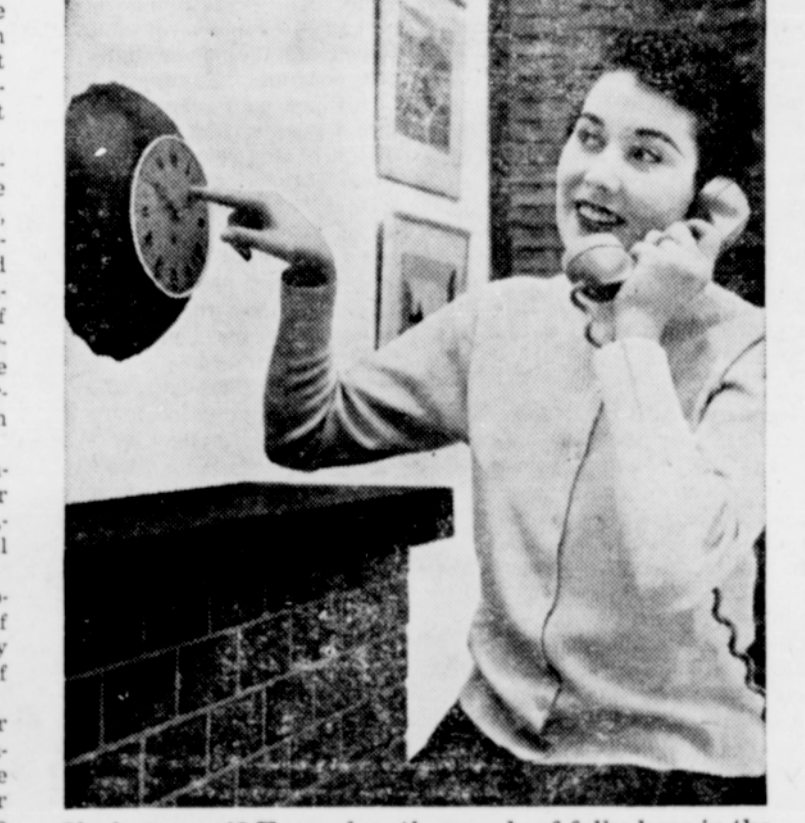
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