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OLEO LAW APT. TO CREATE MONOPOLY

High Annual License Will Oust Small Manufacturer From Game.

GOVERNOR LIKELY TO SIGN

If Monopoly Is Created, Butter Substitute Will Continue To Compete With Dairy and Creamery Product.

After a stormy session in the House, intervals of which took on the luscious hue of a Spartacan riot, the oleo bill was finally passed by a vote of 41 to 17. With the affixing of the Governor's signature the bill becomes a law upon the statute books of Oregon.

Finally being enacted into law, a careful scrutiny of the annual license fees from manufacturers and wholesalers would scarcely indicate that the measure is as ineffective as some would believe. A license fee of \$500 imposed upon the manufacturer of the product is where the shoe will pinch a numerous small manufacturers will be shut out of the game. When this happens a monopoly of the business will be automatically created by throwing it into the hands of one or two big meat packers in Portland who, with their facilities for producing an immense quantity of the stuff, will thereby control both output and price.

The grave question will hinge upon whether or not such a monopoly will be compelled to advance the price beyond what it is at present. If not, the product will continue to be the same menace as of yore to the dairy business of the State. The law will then have failed of its purpose in the way of shutting out oleo as a competing factor to the butter industry, besides setting up a monopoly in its manufacture.

There is a lot of oleo history yet to be written.

"SHIPYARD WORKERS MUST EARN WAGES," SAYS PIEZ

If further increases in pay are to be given shipyard workers, "a considerable increase in the per man production must ensue," was the warning in a statement covering the demands of the Hog Island shipyard foremen today by Director General Piez of the emergency fleet corporation. Piez offered the 400 foremen an increase of \$2 a week instead of the demanded \$6 raise.

"Certainly, with unemployment growing, with prices generally on the decline and with lessening opportunity in many industries, demand for wage increases can be justified solely on the ground of a considerable increase of production," Piez replied to the foremen.

Officials regarded the course taken by Piez as leading directly to a cancellation of contracts for further shipbuilding should strikes come.

His statement mentioned that there still was much work to do in carrying out the government construction

program, but intimated strongly that time was no longer pressing and that the work could be temporarily delayed if it were necessary to await more favorable conditions. Piez said the shipbuilding industry must be "purged" if men are not able to do the work for which they were employed, there can be no reduction in the costs of production, he pointed out.

It is only by manning the yards with men physically fit and skilled, that the industry in this country can be placed on a basis where foreign contracts can be obtained, he added.

The new wage scale, which Piez says will be satisfactory to him, affects foremen of the following classes of work and is as follows:

- Shipfitters \$66 per week; riveters \$66 per week; erectors \$66 per week; tank tasters \$66 per week; clippers, caulkers, \$66 per week; carpenters \$66 per week; boiler installation \$66 per week; bolters \$54 per week; drillers, reamers \$54 per week.

TO QUIET TITLE TO LAND

Booth-Kelly Lumber Company Files Four Suits Involving Timber Lands.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company is seeking to quiet title to certain timber lands in township 15 south of range 1 east, and yesterday filed suit in circuit court against various parties who claim right, title and interest in and to the premises.

others to quiet title to the east half of the east half of section 26, township 15 south of range 1 east, another is against Althea Leonard and others to quiet title to the east half of the west half of the same section and township, another against Frank Burgess and others to quiet title to the northwest quarter of section 22 in the same township and the fourth against Maggie Johnson and others to quiet title to the west half of the east half of section 26 of the same township. S. D. Allen appears as attorney for the lumber company.

BIENNIAL SESSION ADJOURNS SINE DIE

Thirtieth Legislative Assembly Accomplishes Much and Does It Well.

ACTS ARE CONSTRUCTIVE

Gigantic Road Program Involving \$10,000,000 Bond Issue Intricate Legislation and Well Handled.

The Thirtieth Legislative Assembly came to a close yesterday after one of the busiest sessions ever held in the state.

Behind it is a record of solid accomplishment unequalled in Oregon legislative annals. No previous legislature ever had the opportunity to wrestle with such a gigantic highway program as was the lot of the session just closed and no complex problem was ever disposed of to better advantage.

A \$10,000,000 bond issue for a system of State highways is not an item to be approached lightly nor handled carelessly. A whole train of evils could well follow in the wake of such legislation but all such pitfalls seem to have been carefully avoided.

Vital to Willamette Valley.

It is now up to the people to say whether or not the vision of the legislature is to come true or to be blotted out by the ballot.

Out of chaos of reconstruction schemes came a definite policy of an expenditure of \$5,000,000 for a comprehensive building programme of permanent improvements for the state and for the opening wedge toward an eventual gigantic scheme of land settlement. This includes reclamation of arid lands, the drainage of the wet lands of the Willamette valley and the adaptation of the logged-off timber lands to the uses of agriculture.

All the land settlement is based on the promise of aiding the soldiers, sailors and marines first, but not to overlook the private citizen.

The record of the session just closed can scarcely be said to harmonize with Brother Dimick's statement that "There are enough d--n fools in the legislature now."

VALENTINE PARTY ENJOYED BY ALL

A valentine party which was given at the home of Miss Gladys Lepley was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season. The evening was spent in playing games and according to those present there was not a dull moment during the entire evening. At the close of the evening delightful refreshments were served.

The guest list included: Misses Ida and Amy Carson, Evelyn Cyr, Pearl Snook, Lena Tilton, Vera Senseney, Ruby Long, Eva Mannwaring, Ethel

and Alice Dickens, Carrie Ditto, Fern and Franze Travis, Helen Roberts, Eliza Weddie, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Bucknum; Messrs. Fred Bowerman, Lester Hoster, Mr. Marlo, of Eugene, Tad Levitt, Bert Snook and Earl Lepley; Mrs. Jeanette Richardson, Grandma Lepley, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lepley and the hostess, Miss Gladys Lepley.

Church Holds Meeting

Last Wednesday about one hundred members of the Christian church gathered at the church with well filled lunch baskets. The tables were loaded with good things and every one present enjoyed themselves.

After the supper E. E. Morrison presided over a business meeting. Officers were elected for this year. The following were elected to hold office: Elders, J. J. Browning, E. E. Morrison, W. E. Knott, S. G. Moshler, A. C. Barbour; Deacons, Thomas McKinnis, George Ditto, M. W. Weber, John Hastings; Clerk, M. W. Weber; Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Morrison; Treasurer, Mrs. Lydia Lepley.

The following Sunday School officers were elected: Supt., Amy Carson; Librarian, Lucile Lambert; Secretary, Carrie Ditto; Pianist, Vernita Morrison; Treasurer, Walter Mountjoy.

After the election of officers several short talks were given. The books showed that the church was free from indebtedness.

MRS. ZOBEL PASSES AWAY

February 23, 1919, at Wasco, Oregon. Sister of George Larsen.

Word has been received by Geo. B. Larsen, of this city, of the death at Wasco, Oregon, of his sister, Mrs. Hattie Zobel, on February 23, 1919. Mrs. Zobel was born near Springfield September 29, 1872 and her parents the late G. W. Larsen and Mrs. S. M. Larsen, now of LaGrande, Oregon, will be well remembered by old time residents.

She leaves besides her mother her husband, Phil Zobel, one son, Arthur, now in the service, and four daughters, Mrs. Ray Haver, Pearl, Lulu, and Velma Zobel all of Wasco; two sisters, Mrs. W. L. Swan, of Portland and Mrs. H. Canoff, of Cottonwood, Cal., and five brothers, Geo. B. Larsen, of Springfield; Harry, of Elko, Nevada; Fred, of Portland; Glenn, of LaGrande and Willard, of Redding, Cal.

SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS

Few Pass Eighth Grade Examinations. Ninth Grade Established.

The second term of the school year opened this morning. Three new students were enrolled at the high school and two new ones were enrolled in the ninth grade at the Lincoln building.

Those students completing their grammar school work and entering the ninth grade are as follows: Phyllis Kester, Morrison Miller, Thelma Hastings, Ellen Tomseth, Helen Stevens, Rex Craighead. The following pupils were conditioned in one or two subjects: Hazel Brattain,

William Lindley, Rhoda Jack, Wergell McKinney, Vernita Morrison.

Arrangements have been made to obtain all of these pupils at the Lincoln school, but in order that high school work may be taken a ninth grade has been established. The high school subjects offered are: English, algebra, ancient history, commercial geography, penmanship and spelling. Those conditioned in but one study may be entitled to carry three of the above subjects, those receiving conditions in two studies may carry two of these subjects. The others may take a full course. An unusually large number were not able to pass all of the eighth grade examinations this year owing to the many weeks of school missed during the influenza epidemic.

The school authorities feel that this new system will be of great benefit to all the students, but especially to those who have some of their grammar school work to complete.

They also feel that it would not be advisable to institute new classes at the high school to accommodate those few who would enter at this time.

Forgot What He Needed.

From the Republican, Mt. Gillad, Ohio: The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know!"

"What is if you are looking for," we inquired. "My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named over everything in the line on the shelf except Chamberlain's. I'll try again, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy."

The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores, that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers.

WILL WELCOME BOYS OF 65TH

Train Bearing Returning Veterans To Reach Eugene 1 O'clock Saturday.

BIG CROWD IS EXPECTED

Boys Are Modest As Usual and Request No Speech-Making and No Banquets.—Stunts To Prevail.

Well, who's going to Eugene tomorrow from Springfield to help welcome the conquering heroes returning?

Most of us, we hope.

We must not forget that all of Lane County is represented in those gallant ranks of khaki-clad sons, and Springfield being an integral part of the aforesaid county and the former abiding place of some of those aforesaid sons, it is strictly up to Springfield to pay to those boys the homage and honor they have nobly earned, even though we must go to the extreme of cluttering up the sidewalks of Willamette street in Eugene with a motley array of Springfield anatomy.

The train bearing old Lane's bravest and best who contributed a vigorous bit to smashing the cohorts of the Kaiser, will arrive in Eugene about 1:00 p. m.

Details of the welcoming stunts are not available, but—

Let's go!

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Tokins, "have you a minute to spare?"

"Yes."

"Well, I wish you would tell me exactly what is meant by a 'league of nations' and 'freedom of the seas.'"

WHAT UNCLE SAM WILL DO IF YOU DON'T KICK THROUGH

Work on the collection of \$6,000,000,000 has been begun by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. This is the estimated yield of the new revenue bill. The income tax provisions of the act reach the pocket-book of every single person in the United States whose net income for 1918 was \$1,000, or more, and of every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more. Persons whose net income equalled or exceeded these amounts, according to their marital status, must file a return of income with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which they live on or before March 15.

Here is what will happen to them if they don't; for failure to file a return on time, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due.

For "willfully refusing" to make a return on time, a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both.

For making a false or fraudulent return, a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

For failure to pay the tax on time, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 5 per cent of the amount of tax unpaid, plus 1 per cent interest for each full month during which it remains unpaid.

In addition to the \$1,000 and \$2,000 personal exemptions, taxpayers are allowed an exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon them for chief support if such person is under eighteen years of age and incapable of self-support. Under the 1917 act, this exemption was allowed only for each dependent "child." The head of a family—one who supports one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage, or by adoption—is entitled to all exemptions allowed a married person.

The normal rate of tax under the new act is 6 per cent of the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemptions, and 12 per cent of the net income in excess of \$4,000. Incomes in excess of \$5,000 are subject also to a surtax ranging from 1 per cent of the amount of the net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to 65 per cent of the net income above \$1,000,000.

Payment of the tax may be made in full at the time of filing return or in four installments, on or before March 15, on or before June 15, on or before September 15, and on or before December 15.

Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to aid taxpayers in making out their returns. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices may be ascertained by inquiring at offices of collectors of internal revenue, postoffices and banks. Failure to see these officers, however, does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file his return and pay his tax within the time specified by law. In this case taxpayers must seek the Government, not the Government the taxpayer.

SEND ME THE BILL.



THERE IS BUSINESS IN & NEAR SPRINGFIELD

for

- Another first-class hardware store. (More clerks—more payroll)
- One first-class furniture store. (More clerks—more payroll)
- One combination moving picture house and theatre. (More employees—more payroll)
- One commercial stationery, office supply and book store. (More clerks—more payroll)
- One gasoline farm tractor agency. (More clerks—more payroll)
- Ice Factory and Cold Storage Plant. (More employees—more payroll—star investment)
- One live Commercial Club (\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$)

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