

STATE LEGISLATURE NOW FUNCTIONING

33rd Session Organized
Monday; Preliminaries
Take But Little Time.

ECONOMY KEYNOTE

Governor Reads Message; Moser Is
President of Senate, Burdick
Speaker of House.

The 33rd session of the Oregon Legislature convened at Salem Monday and quickly perfected its organization. Gus C. Moser of Multnomah county was elected president of the senate and Denton G. Burdick of Deschutes county was chosen speaker of the house, neither gentleman having opposition. Other routine proceedings went through on record time and the legislature was ready to take up its work.

"Old Man Economy" has made his appearance at Salem, as this seems to be the keynote of the session. Numerous bills have already been presented and there will doubtless be the usual amount of measures to wrestle with. Governor Pierce has a number of things he wishes the legislature to consider, and there will be presented again a measure providing for an income tax. The tax question will become a big issue, doubtless.

Governor Pierce presented his message to the body in joint session. The document is too long for us to give it in full, so we have only taken that portion pertaining to taxation, and quote the Governor as follows:

Taxes.
Taxation has received my most earnest attention during the past two years, in the belief that reduction in the cost of government was uppermost in the public desire. Unquestionably, the paramount issue in the campaign of 1922 was the reduction and redistribution of taxes. I know this issue squarely before the people in every address that I made during that campaign. During my incumbency of the office of Governor I have done all within my power to carry out the pledges made at that time, and feel that I can now point to a substantial measure of achievement, in that I have kept every pledge that I made.

Two Million Tax Cut.
In 1922 the state tax levy, including fixed millages, was \$9,376,289.11. This year the state tax levy is \$7,492,761.47, or a real reduction in state taxes of substantially \$2,000,000, notwithstanding the fact that when I became governor there existed in the state treasury a deficit of approximately \$400,000 growing out of the fact that the legislature had in the past appropriated larger sums than the tax commission was allowed to levy under the 6 per cent tax limitation law. There is, at the present time, a surplus of more than \$200,000 in the state treasury.

Had the voters of Oregon seen fit to allow the state income tax law to remain upon the statute books, no state tax would have been levied this year, except the millages fixed by law which are outside the 6 per cent tax limitation, and which will aggregate in 1925 approximately \$5 million, or \$5,569,712. While we have had a measure of both reduction and redistribution of state taxes, it is true that we who earnestly desire further redistribution of the burden of taxation have suffered a serious setback thru the repeal of the state income tax law, which was accomplished by the prodigious use of a lavish campaign fund and spent very largely in the repeated publication of false and misleading propaganda.

Repeatedly it has been stated that in my campaign of 1922 I promised to cut taxes in half. This falsehood, malicious and utterly without the shadow of foundation in truth, has been broadcasted about the state for the past two years. I made no such statement to anyone at any time. What I did say repeatedly and now say again, is that one-half of the state taxes, now borne by property, should and should be placed upon shoulders far better able to bear it.

Income Tax Needed.

The operation of the state income tax clearly establishes the fact that my statement was correct. Income tax returns now on file in the state income tax department reveal that during the year 1923 a net income of \$180,000,000 was made by individuals and corporations in Oregon. After all exemptions for families and dependents were deducted, there remained more than \$70,000,000 taxable income upon which income taxes were assessed for the year 1923. The records in the state house further disclose that 25,000 income taxpayers in Oregon enjoyed in 1923 a net income of \$70,000,000. Returns show that they paid in property tax \$237,035. The property tax was less than one-half of one per cent of their net income, and 3190 taxpayers, with net income a little less than \$11,000,000 net, paid \$6,380,000 in property tax, or almost 60 per cent of their income. If the entire tax load of the state, including all of its political subdivisions, were to be placed upon net incomes, after allowing exemptions for dependents, a little more than one-half of the taxable income of all the citizens would be required. As it now is, the \$40,000,000 exacted annually in taxes from those who hold property, can mean only the confiscation of many homes.

Practically one-half of the real property in Oregon today will not net more than enough to pay the taxes levied against it. At least two-thirds of the rent value will be required to pay the taxes levied. Slowly but surely, the unequal distribution of the burden of government is confiscating the property of many people in this state. Readjustment must be made.

I continue a firm believer in the

LAND EXCHANGE BILL INTRODUCED BY N. J. SINNOTT

35,000 Acres in Eastern Oregon
Affected by New Measure; Has
Backing of Forest Dept.

"The passage by the House on January 5 of a land exchange bill affecting lands in Eastern Oregon is simply carrying out the principle of the Clarke-McNary Forestry Act," said District Forester C. M. Granger, in commenting on the recent action by the lower house of congress.

"The principle of such exchange legislation has been recognized by congress for some time. This bill is similar to the Wenatchee exchange law passed three years ago and the later Deschutes Act, both of which look to the consolidation of government forest lands and the acquisition by the government of cutover lands suitable for the growing of timber," Mr. Granger stated. "There are some 35,000 acres of Government land included in the Eastern Oregon bill which was introduced by Congressman Sinnott."

The land exchange bill affecting lands outside of the Umatilla, Walla and Whitman Forests is said by District Forester Granger to be an extension of the measures already in effect inside the National Forests of the United States. This extension would give authority for the Secretaries of Agriculture and of the Interior to accept lands in exchange outside the Forests of the prescribed area whenever they felt it was in the public interest to do so. The law would give purely discretionary authority to the two Departments and contains no obligation on the part of the government to approve any application. The area which could be acquired under the law lies adjacent to the National Forests and its acquisition would serve to round out natural units of national forest land, according to forestry officials.

Mr. Granger stated that the Department of Agriculture has reported favorably to congress on the bill, believing that some favorable influence can be exercised by the Forest Service under the measure toward securing better conditions for forest growth on the cutover lands lying in the Grande Ronde country. "The Forest Service will under the proposed law be able to offer stumpage on cutover lands in good condition of forest young growth as may be obtainable at reasonable prices," stated Mr. Granger.

This, said Mr. Granger, is the main object of the bill. The country included is rough land, valuable for timber growing and watershed protection. Mr. Granger stated that no arrangements had been made with any owners for an exchange. The proposed law, he stated, is similar in its terms and workings to the Deschutes exchange law which passed Congress three years ago and which is being used to protect timber and forest growth conditions in the Bend region on the Dalles-California Highway.

Move Service Station To Lot On Main Street

Second Graders Hustle Out Good Attendance

By the hustling of the second grade pupils during the week there was a good attendance at the P. T. A. meeting at the high school auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, at which time the newly chosen president, Mrs. Frank Turner, presided. As a reward for the effort put forth by the pupils the second grade was awarded the prize when the vote was taken on the attendance.

A principal feature on the program was the drill of the Girl Scouts under their leader, Miss Elizabeth Phelps. Aside from the entertainment furnished by the girls, Miss Phelps gave a talk and outlined the objects and work of the organization in an interesting manner. The Roll serves number 20 members at the present time and the keynote or slogan is Service.

The Girl Scouts and second grade pupils put on a dramatization of the Pied Piper and their work was creditable and very amusing as well as instructive.

The goodly attendance was encouraging to the president and it is hoped that it may keep up for the remainder of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cason have returned to Jone from Portland, and are now making their home there. They recently purchased the residence property of the late Mrs. Mary Hale, mother of Mrs. Cason.

FOR SALE—1922 Ford Sedan; good tires, spare, Hassler shocks, foot pedal and other extras. Mechanically perfect. A good buy if you need a car. Price \$300. ALVA JONES, Box 102, Lexington, Oregon.

Miss Anna Doherty, clerk in the office of Sheriff McDuffee, has gone to Portland where she will spend the week-end visiting with friends.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN, IF—

By SATTERFIELD



WHEAT DAMAGE IS HARD TO ESTIMATE

Pioneer of Lexington Section
Thinks Some Weeks Yet
Required to Tell.

B. F. Swaggart, pioneer stockman and farmer of the Lexington section, owner of the Eastern Oregon Jack farm, and withal, a close observer when it comes to those matters pertaining to his line of endeavor, was in the city on Saturday and dropped in to have a chat with the G-J editor for a few moments. Naturally, the question of the damage done to the wheat by the recent cold snap was the subject receiving the most attention.

"Just to what extent wheat is damaged, will require several weeks to determine," stated Mr. Swaggart. "My opinion is that some varieties will have to be reseeded, but are hoping that the damage has been overestimated. Grain is in a very delicate state at this time, and just what the outcome will be to a large per cent of it depends on the future weather conditions."

Elks Will Entertain the Pupils of High Schools

Heppner Lodge No. 358, R. P. O. E., are arranging to entertain members of the high schools of Heppner, Lexington and Jone with a dancing party on the evening of Saturday, January 17.

The Elks and their ladies are also expected to be present at this time, and there is to be plenty of good music and a good time is assured.

YOUR INCOME TAX.

Your income tax for the year 1924 is less, in proportion to your income, than was the tax for 1923. A rate reduction, however, is not the only benefit afforded by the revenue act of 1924. Increase in the exemption for married persons, a 25 per cent reduction in "earned income," and other changes in revenue legislation are of immediate interest to every taxpayer. The revenue act of 1924 requires that returns be filed by every single person whose net income for 1924 was \$1,000 or more, or whose gross income was \$3,000 or more, and by every married couple whose aggregate net income was \$2,000 or more. Last year returns were required of married couples whose aggregate net income was \$2,000 or more. Husband and wife, living together, may include the income of each in a single joint return, or each may file a separate return showing the income of each. Net income is gross income less certain specified reductions for business expense, losses, bad debts, contributions, etc.

The period for filing returns is from January 1 to March 15, 1925. The return, accompanied by at least one-fourth of the amount of tax due, must be filed with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer has his legal residence or has his principal place of business.

JANUARY Clearance Sale of all winter hats at half and less. MRS. M. L. CURRAN'S MILLINERY SHOPPE.

Phil Cohn is from Portland this week looking after business affairs here.

FARMERS COULD CUT BIG DOCKAGE COSTS

Cleaning of Grain on the
Farm Recommended
by Market Agent.

C. E. SPENCE, State Market Agent. An amazing sum, in the aggregate, could be saved by the grain growers if they would clean their wheat of foul dockage on the farm, at the time of threshing. A cleaner, constructed along the lines of a disk separator, is now on the market. It can be attached to the threshing, and tests made on wheat containing dockage as high as 25 per cent have resulted in reducing the dockage to less than one per cent, and the screenings removed contained less wheat than is ordinarily found in elevator screenings.

There is, of course, a certain dockage of oats, barley, etc., that the grower gets credit for, but there is a great quantity of other dockage that is a dead loss to him in the way of freight, handling, insurance, etc., and there is often contention between the grower and elevator over the amount of dockage. Yet at the same time this dockage, when removed at the threshing, is of considerable value for feeding purposes, and when ground is a good substitute for oats, barley and mill feed. Stock food companies purchase this dockage from the elevators, and after grinding use it in poultry and stock foods.

In five wheat states in the spring crop of 1923, reports from 1400 elevators showed the total wheat dockage to be 11,650,000 bushels or the equivalent of 13,980 carloads. This dockage when considered as wheat, or on a wheat basis, would amount to \$10,000,000 exclusive of freight, interest, handling and storage charges. The records of the Oregon State Grain Department show the dockage

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EXTENT OF WHEAT DAMAGE UNCERTAIN

County Agent Advises
Best Methods For
Reseeding.

ROGER W. MORSE, County Agent. The extent of the wheat damage by the recent freeze in Morrow county is very hard to determine at the present time. Apparently all wheat in the county has been damaged. The real extent of this damage depends largely on the weather from now on. Continued freezing and thawing, or another cold snap without snow protection, will probably mean that a large acreage will have to be reseeded. On the contrary, favorable weather may leave enough of a stand so that it will not pay to reseed.

The safest plan to follow will be to prepare for reseeding by getting a line on available spring seed and getting the outfit in shape to start seeding on short notice. In a telephone conversation with the writer Tuesday morning, Dr. E. Stephens, of the Moro Experiment station, stated that he believed little reseeding would be necessary in Sherman county, provided the weather from now on was favorable. He estimates the present damage about fifty per cent of the stand in most fields.

Should reseeding be necessary, it will be advisable to sow wheat that will grade the same as the wheat now in the ground. For reseeding Turkey, where there will be part of a stand of Turkey left, Red Bobs or Marquis would be the best varieties. For reseeding hybrid 128 or fortyfold federation or hard federation would be used. Where the stand is entirely gone, spring barley would be a good crop to plant. Unless it could be done at once, it is not considered advisable to reseed to any of the winter grains now in the ground.

Information as to available spring seed is being obtained by the County Agent so that a supply can be secured as soon as it is definitely known how much seed will be needed.

HEPPNER HIGH NEWS

Last Friday night the Freshmen staged their annual come-back by giving the upper classmen a masquerade party. There were some very good costumes. Byron Johnson, who took first prize, was dressed as a Mexican, and a very good one he was, too. You couldn't have told him from the real article. Then Mary Patterson, second prize, was another good one, and ran Byron a close race, although in an entirely different sphere of action. She was dressed as a freckled-faced boy. Crockett Spruells took third, assuming not only the appearance but also the character of a brigand, to judge from the noise and scuffling that ensued when he appeared.

We give the Freshmen credit for serving good eats. They served fruit salad with cake and cocoa.

Everyone enjoyed himself immensely. In spite of the usual gang of roughnecks who always attend these gatherings uninvited, and act so much like little boys that they have to be watched to be kept out of mischief.

Two of the most exciting and entertaining basketball games of the season were played last Saturday evening. The high school girls matched their skill and dexterity against a few of their graduated sisters, the team.

The next get-together meeting is scheduled to be held at Heppner on the evening of February 4th.

The lodges represented at the meeting joined in sending a letter of greetings and affection to Bro. Lee Tachberg of Jone, who is seriously ill in Portland.

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\$500 IN PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN BIG CLUB CONTEST

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Details of the approaching contest for boys and girls club members of the state were given at a noon meeting of the agricultural committee of the Portland chamber of commerce last Thursday, January 8. The contest was explained by H. C. Seymour, state club leader, who stated that lessons were being prepared by Prof. Hector Macpherson of O. A. C. on the subject of cooperative marketing. The first three of which were in the hands of the printer and soon to be sent to the different county agents and club leaders throughout the state for distribution to all club members.

Prof. Macpherson is recognized as being a leading authority on the subject having been a deep student of cooperation as now established not only in this country, but the principal countries of the world.

After lessons covering the entire field have been worked by the club members, there will be contests to select the boy or girl making the best talk on "Co-operative Marketing," the contests to consist first of a local club contest, the winner of the club to meet other clubs in a county contest, the winners of county contests to meet by districts, and the winners from the districts to meet in Portland for the final contest. The contest will be open to 8th grade and high school students, separately.

It is expected small prizes will be given to the winners of the county and district contests, with the bigger prizes going to the leading contestants of the main event. It is anticipated about \$500 will be provided for prizes, the amount being donated by the marketing department of the Portland chamber of commerce under the Oregon State Wide Development Fund.

Strong endorsement of the contest was given by C. D. Rorer, president of the Eugene Bank of Commerce and president of the Oregon Bankers' association, who also spoke before the committee, as one of the best and biggest movements started to teach the value of cooperative marketing, and the first competition of this nature in the United States. Active interest on the part of the bankers of the state could be looked for, according to Mr. Rorer, who further stated that direct assistance would be extended through the agricultural committee of the Oregon Bankers' association.

Men and Boys Enjoy
Good Time Together

The men and boys banquet at the parlors of the Christian church on last Thursday evening was attended by 45, the boys being the guests of the men present. The feed was prepared by the Willing Workers, and was just a good, wholesome meal, enjoyed to the limit by all, and especially the bunch of husky Boy Scouts and other youths who were present.

Suitable songs were prepared for the occasion, and Paul DeF. Mortimer, who was in charge as leader, there was some pep in this part of the program, too, until that point was reached by the boys in which there was no more give to their belts and singing became a too difficult task.

Addresses were made by Attorney S. E. Nelson, Reid Busick and G. E. Trimble, and aside from the good feed enjoyed there was an intellectual treat. It is planned to have similar gatherings in the future, the object being to bring the men and boys of the town into closer relation and harmony, and at the future meetings it will be the effort to have more of the boys of high school age attend.

Former Heppner Woman
Resident of Coquille, Ore.

Friends of Mrs. Lena M. White, who was formerly Lena M. Glascock of this city, will be interested to know that she was united in marriage on the 2nd day of September, 1924, to Mr. Fred E. Coleman of Coquille, Oregon. At the time of the marriage, Mrs. White was residing at Corvallis.

The Colemans have just recently moved into their new, modern bungalow, which they had built on their farm, about half way between Marshfield and Coquille, on the Roosevelt highway. Mrs. Coleman has her twin daughters, Mary Louise and Frances Elinor White, with her.

Mrs. Coleman is a daughter of Mrs. W. W. Smead of this city, and was formerly Mrs. C. M. White. Mr. White was an attorney and was associated with the firm of Raley & Raley in Pendleton at time of his death on January 3, 1919. He was a victim of the flu epidemic of that year.

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