

# RURAL PROBLEMS HOLD LIMELIGHT

## Legislative Program Said Attentive to Betterment of Agriculture.

(EDITOR'S NOTE)—This resume of proposed legislation affecting agriculture was compiled by the legislative committee of the state grange members of which are C. C. Hulet, F. J. Toeze, M. S. Schrock, who say, "This committee wishes to see the 22,000 grange members and other engaged in agriculture in every portion of the state with these proposed laws. Hence we are sending our weekly legislative news service whose aim is to give a brief, concise outline of the agricultural measures proposed, and including authorship, purpose, progress and final disposition."

As the thirty-sixth session of the Oregon state legislature swings into action it is evident that the setting of agriculture will be in bold relief. All three of the major phases of the legislative program as it now appears hold agricultural betterment as of marked importance.

### Taxes

Amending the three-way income tax plan through the re-enactment of the intangibles tax law as provided by a bill sponsored by the state tax commission and which has for its object a more equitable distribution of taxes, thus lessening the burden on real estate, is an outstanding feature of the tax program. On the other hand, there are in the office several amendments sponsored by the enemies of the personal income tax law recently enacted. Other phases of the tax question relating to farm lands and homes may also demand the attention of the solons but incomes so far are the headlines.

### Hydro-Electric Matters

Municipally owned hydro-electric legislation with the emphasis upon power and light as a result of the last election found initial expression of approval in Senate Joint Memorial No. 1 urging congress to pass at this session the bill now before it providing for the development of the Umatilla Rapids project. This memorial passed the senate by unanimous vote, and the house over the objections of Representatives Lewis of Portland and Glass of The Dalles. This was the first administration measure.

### Peoples Utility Districts

Pursuant to the passage of the constitutional enabling act a bill sponsored by the Oregon state grange, endorsed by Governor Meier and providing for the creation of Peoples Utility districts, was deposited in the legislative hopper last week. In this measure it is understood practically all the objections urged against the constitutional enabling act during the last campaign have been eliminated. Among the results sought in this measure are the preservation of water power and, through municipal ownership and operation, abundant power, light and water at lowest possible cost to consumers. Its sponsors believe that through the operation of this law vast water power projects will be developed and their products distributed far more generally than now to rural communities at low rates.

### Public Utilities

The first step in the administration's public utilities program was Senate Bill No. 10 introduced by Burke of Yamhill county, providing for repeal of the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity act which practically forbids utility competition. The purpose of this bill is to open the way for larger competition as a means to the success of state or municipal control. A second public utilities measure sponsored by the administration, deals with the specific control of public utilities. High lights of this bill include:

- (1) The abolition of the present public service commission.
- (2) The creation of the office of Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon. Said commissioner appointed by the governor for a period of four years but removable for any cause which he deems sufficient. The commissioner must not be connected either directly or indirectly in any public utility during his term of service. It will be his duty to represent patrons, users and consumers of any public utility and the public generally in all controversies respecting rates, charges, valuations and service.

It shall be the duty, in fact, of the commissioner to protect the public from unjust and unreasonable exactions and to obtain for them adequate service at fair and equitable rates. He is invested with all the remaining powers of the railroad and public service commission.

He may investigate summarily any matter of rates, charges or schedules which he believes unreasonable or discriminatory and any service he believes unsafe or inadequate. He may after such investigation serve notice on all parties interested to appear for a hearing. He may after such hearing make such orders as he deems justified by the findings and such orders shall be enforceable as are other orders.

(3) Every city and town shall have: (a) Power of one to determine by contract, ordinance or otherwise the quality of service to be furnished by any public utility; (b) to require any public utility to make modifications or extensions to its physical property as shall be reasonable or necessary; (c) to fix rates, charges or tolls to be paid or collected by any public utility. Before entering into such contract, however, a copy thereof shall be filed with the commissioner. And, if he objects to it, the matter may be settled by the voters of the city or town at a duly called election.

Until cities or towns avail themselves of the privilege of contracting with these public utilities, said

utilities will continue to operate under jurisdiction of the commissioner. The life of said contracts is five years.

The evils of stock pyramiding and subsidiary manipulations come under the ban of this measure; hence all contracts proposed by either parent or subsidiary concern and relating to each other as parent or subsidiary shall be submitted to the commissioner for investigation.

### Water Conservation

A third administrative bill termed the Water Conservation bill provides that preference shall be given to municipalities in the matter of water fillings for the purpose of water power development. This measure is companion to the foregoing water power measures and like them is in keeping with the Joseph-Meier hydro-electric program.

### Department of Agriculture

If a bill drawn and now undergoing revision is passed at this session Oregon will soon be the last of forty-two states to have an organized department of agriculture.

This measure contemplates consolidation of twenty state commissions, boards and appointive offices including State Market Agent, Board of State Fair directors, State Land Board, State Engineer, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, Board of Horticulture and others. This department will be under one director appointed by the governor and consist of five divisions each under a chief.

Its aims are to secure better coordination than is possible with many departments, to eliminate duplication of efforts and the fixing of definite responsibilities. It is a step toward cabinet form of government.

### Gas Tax Refund

A reduction of costs to farmers and others using distillate or gasoline for propelling tractors, stationary gasoline engines, or for commercial purposes is sought in Senate Bill No. 9 which provides for refund of the present tax paid upon such distillate or gasoline.

### IRRIGON

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom were business visitors in Hermiston Monday.

Mr. Bedwell is confined to his bed with a severe attack of stomach trouble and his little son Ernest is ill with mumps.

Mrs. Blanche Watkins and son Mac arrived here Friday from their home at Wren, Ore. Mac returned Sunday. Mrs. Watkins remaining for a few days to attend to some matters of business and visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Jones motored to Pendleton Friday on business. The boys' and girls' basketball teams went to Echo Friday evening where they played good but losing games with the Echo teams.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Markham and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weir attended the games at Echo.

Mrs. O. Coryell left Friday for The Dalles where she will visit her parents a few days.

Frank Leicht and Battie Rand are both proud owners of new radios installed this week.

The regular meeting of the Irrigon Grange was held Wednesday evening with a good crowd present.

After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed followed by lunch prepared by the H. E. ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. McFarland of Umatilla were guests of the grange Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Sam Smith and son Robert Mrs. Fred Markham and Mrs. Tom Caldwell motored to Portland Saturday, all returning Sunday except Mrs. Caldwell who will remain for a few weeks for medical treatment.

The Oregon bakery basketball team of Pendleton played the town team early Saturday evening, the score being 36-38 in favor of Pendleton.

The regular grange dance was held Saturday night and a large crowd attended. A splendid time was enjoyed by all present.

Supt. Dawald announced that a band concert and dance will be given on February 14 to help finance the band on their trip to Corvallis in April to the state contest.

The new officers elected for the Sunday school for the coming year are Carl Alquist, supt., Harvey Warner, treasurer, and Ruth Leicht, secretary. Sunday witnessed the largest crowd present for some time and everyone is invited to come and be a part of our school. Hour 10:15 a. m.

Mrs. Marshal Markham and children and Mrs. J. Berry and children visited Sunday at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McCoy.

Mrs. John Grabiel reports the arrival of a little son Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Grabiel formerly of Irrigon but now of Imbler, Ore.

Ralph Benefield arrived home Tuesday for an indefinite stay having received a broken arm recently.

Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county school superintendent, and Miss Edith Stallard, health nurse, of Heppner were visiting in the school Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Jones were guests in the Bert Dexter home Saturday evening.

Mr. Bowhaire, who purchased the piece of land adjoining the James Warner place on the west, started laying the foundation for a new house this week.

### HEPPNER HIGH WINS.

Heppner high school boys' basketball quintet was victorious in a hotly contested clash with Boardman high in the first Upper Columbia Athletic league game to be played on the home floor this season, Saturday evening. Final score 17-14.

Roy Gentry and Earl Thomson, guard and center, led in the scoring for the locals. Other members of the squad seeing action were James Farley, Curtis Thomson and Hottman, forwards, and Furlong, guard. Ingles of Lexington refereed. Heppner's percentage is now 1,000, having won their first game the week previous from Ione.

For Sale—Used Thor washing machine; large capacity; excellent condition. Pacific Power & Light Co.

## IONE

Joel Engelman is ill with influenza.

Iva Montgomery is out of school because of illness.

Visitors last week at the Louis Bergevin home south of Ione were Mr. Bergevin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bergevin of Gibbon, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gucker and two children, Jack and Louis, of Juneau, Alaska. Mr. and Mrs. Bergevin Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Gucker and children were returning from a delightful trip to Southern California where they visited relatives. The party also crossed the line into old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ray, who are employed at the road camp located at the Martin Behm place, spent Sunday at their home in Ione. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ray's daughter, Mrs. Lester Goodrich of White Salmon, Wash. Mrs. Goodrich and daughter have been visiting here for a couple of weeks.

Work is progressing nicely on the cemetery road. Quite a large crew of men is working there at present.

Several men operating an air compressor are drilling for blasting the rocky point on the highway near the Fred McMurray place.

Mrs. French Burroughs recently shipped in seven fine turkeys from Tangent, Ore., to improve her breeding stock.

Mrs. Harriet Sinnard, clothing specialist of Oregon State college, will be at Cecil Grange hall Friday.

All ladies are invited to attend the meeting whether members of the grange or not. Pot-luck dinner will be served at noon.

Candy and popcorn will be on sale at the social meeting of Wil-lows grange, Jan. 31. The money obtained from the sale goes to the Waverley Baby home at Portland.

The Past Grand club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Louy. Thirteen members and one guest, Mrs. Perry Bartlemay of Mays, were present. Dainty refreshments consisting of fruit salad with whipped cream, coffee and cake were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Luvisia Louy, Mrs. Amy Sperry and Mrs. Della Corson.

Election of officers was held with the following results: president, Mrs. Etta Howell; secretary, Mrs. Lucile Bristow; treasurer, Mrs. Clara Howk.

The ladies are engaged in making pillow cases, dresser scarfs and mattress pads for the Odd Fellows home in Portland.

Mrs. Perry Bartlemay and young son are guests at the home of Mrs. Bartlemay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Morgan.

Ray Robinson has been transacting business in Portland.

W. E. Ahalt returned Sunday from a visit in Stanfield at the home of an old friend, Mr. Rogers.

On the way home, Mr. Ahalt stopped over at Rhea Siding for a brief visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herman Havercoat.

Several children in Ione have been having measles in a very mild form.

Members of the Joe Gibson family, the Ralph Ledbetter family and the N. E. Pettyjohn family have mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Swanson and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Swanson returned Friday from Sumner, Wash., where they had been called by the death of their niece, Mrs. Robert Ballinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gustafson. Mrs. Ballinger (Doris Gustafson) was married January 5 and was on her wedding trip when she was stricken with ptomaine poisoning. She was taken ill on January 11 and died January 18 in a Seattle hospital. Last September Mrs. Ballinger visited relatives in Ione.

Last week Harold Mason received a badly sprained ankle when his horse fell on him. Friday night he departed for Portland to enter the veteran's hospital for treatment for the injury.

Rev. Charles William Cutler is conducting a series of religious meetings in the Baptist church to which everyone is invited. The meetings began Sunday evening and will continue indefinitely. Services begin promptly at 7:30 and close promptly at 8:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Engelman are the parents of a baby girl, born January 1. The little baby has been given the name of Lola Belle.

The Ione high school basketball team journeyed to Lexington Friday evening for a double header game with the neighboring school. The Ione boys lost by a score of 13-14 and the girls won by a score of 10-20. Miss Rosa Fletcher of Ione was referee for the girls' game.

The Women's Topic club met last Friday evening with Mrs. Henry Gorgor. Bridge was enjoyed. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rietmann, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smouse, Mrs. Inez Freeland, Mrs. Ramsey, Leo, George and Joe Gorgor. High scores were won by Mrs. Smouse and Leo Gorgor, and consolation by Mrs. Peterson and Omar Rietmann.

Mrs. Inez Freeland entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Thursday, January 22, in honor of the eleventh birthday anniversary of her granddaughter, Miss Inez Merritt. Those present were the honor guest, Miss Inez, Margaret Lindeken, Charlotte McCabe, Eleanor Eubanks, Betty Bergevin, Maxine McCurdy, Bertha Akers, Shirley Larson, Sibyl Howell and Winona Ritchie.

A social event of interest was the surprise dinner served Thursday evening, Jan. 22, by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engelman's family. The occasion was the thirty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Engelman. The surprise was complete. Mr. Engelman knew nothing about the plans of the young people until he entered his home to find the guests assembled and the dinner ready to serve. Mrs. Engelman had been taken to the home of her mother, Mrs. Katie Petteys, to assist with some sewing, and was brought home just in time to enjoy the delicious turkey dinner prepared by her daughters. Those present were

Mr. and Mrs. Engelman, Fern and Joel Engelman, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann and Billy and Bobby Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nicholson and Alice Katherine, Johnny Turner, Carlton and Norma Swanson.

Our spring-like weather continues. The creek farmers are busily engaged in disking and harrowing their ground and the hill farmers are preparing for spring work.

Those who have seen the wheat fields report the wheat looking fine. Albert Petteys recently returned from John Day where he went to consult a physician. He made the trip in company with Fred Nicholson.

### Ione High School Alumni News.

Five graduated in 1921—three girls and two boys. Of this number four are making their home in Oregon while one is located in the northern central states. Immediately following her high school graduation, Vera Howe entered Linfield college at McMinnville where she completed two and one half year's work.

She became the wife of Albert Moore. For the past year and a half she has been in Ione assisting in the care of her aged grand parents. Vesper Schriver remained on the farm with her parents until November, 1922, when she accepted a position in the Bullard Pharmacy in Ione, a position she held for one and one-half years. From this work she went to Oregon State college where she had one year's study in pharmacy. She married Tom Logsdon, a farmer at King's Valley.

Friends at Christmas time received greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon mailed at Dallas, Ore., but whether they were located there permanently, or only on a visit at the home of Mrs. Logsdon's sister, Mrs. Glen Brock, we were unable to learn. Edine Moore entered Linfield college where she completed two year's work. From this school she went to Oregon State college where she graduated in 1925. She became the wife of Wrex Hicock, a McMinnville boy. Mr. and Mrs. Hicock now make their home in Portland. Walter Linn was a student for a while at O. S. C. For the past seven years he has been employed in the mills at Vernonia, at present holding the position of lumber grader. His wife was formerly Miss Edna Carrick—a Vernonia girl. Tom Davidson graduated from O. S. C. and the next year following his graduation returned to the college for some additional work. He was a successful high school teacher and coach at Madras and Ione. He is now doing research work for the American Gas association and is located at Cleveland, Ohio. He recently received a promotion. Mr. Davidson married Thelma Morgan, a senior in the school here at the time of her marriage. The young couple made the trip back to Cleveland by auto. They visited in Ione last summer when they were called home by the death of Mr. Davidson's father. Last fall Mr. and Mrs. Davidson made a delightful auto trip to Niagara Falls.

E. R. Curfman was serving his second year as principal at this time.

### Flag Code Questionnaire.

For boys of 7th and 8th grades, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Fifth group of questions:  
41. Over only what three buildings in America is the flag flown continuously day and night?  
42. What is the rule to be observed when flags of more than one nation are being flown in unison?  
43. When a number of flags of different nations are grouped in a cluster, what is the position of the United States flag?  
44. When the flag is illustrated in printed form, what is the position of the stars?  
45. What is the origin of the anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner"?  
46. When, and by whom and under what circumstances was the appellation "Old Glory" given to the United States flag?  
47. What is the universal oral salute to the flag?  
48. Why are we so little informed about our flag?  
49. How can this be remedied?  
50. What other questions would you like to have answered about the United States flag?

The End.

### W. C. T. U. NOTES.

MARY A. NOTSON, Reporter.  
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The Minnesota commission also found that the brewers supplied blind pigs with beer, maintained a fund to pay fines for them, and employed counsel to defend them. There were 129 convictions for operating blind pigs in the two cities above named in 1909 and 104 in 1910. The writer has found that many young people who have grown up under prohibition do not know what a blind pig is. For their benefit and information, we will state that it was a place where intoxicating liquors were sold contrary to law. It was a form of bootlegging. Yet, if you listen to some of the rot peddled by the wets, you would think there never was any bootlegging in the days of the saloon. Even if every operator of a blind pig was convicted in 1909, it would show that over one-eighth of the places selling liquor ran in violation of law. Some percentage of bootleggers, what is it? But, it is very doubtful that even one half of the blind pigs were discovered.

In Chicago, there was one saloon for every 351 persons in the city. The brewers controlled 70 per cent of the saloons, owned 34 per cent of the saloon buildings, and paid for the licenses. They owned the fixtures of 87 per cent of the saloons. No wonder the beer interests are anxious to get the business started again.

In February, 1916, Mida's Criterion of the Wine and Spirit Interests said: "Ever since the brewery became an American institution, the brewer has been the most self-important individual in the country. He has been able to take barley and hops in a meager measure and water in liberal measure and produce beer that has yielded him such enormous profits that he undoubtedly owns the largest landed interests in America. The arrogance of the brewer has brought him to grief." They were the crowd that burned coal when the patriotic people were saving fuel during the war, when schools were closed for want of fuel, when hospitals were cold because fuel was scarce. They made

beer out of foodstuffs and sugar when little children were eating substitutes and doing without sugar.

### The BEST Gray Hair Remedy is Home Made

To half pint of water add one ounce bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and one-fourth ounce of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. It will gradually darken streaked, faded or gray hair and make it soft and glossy. Barbo will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off.



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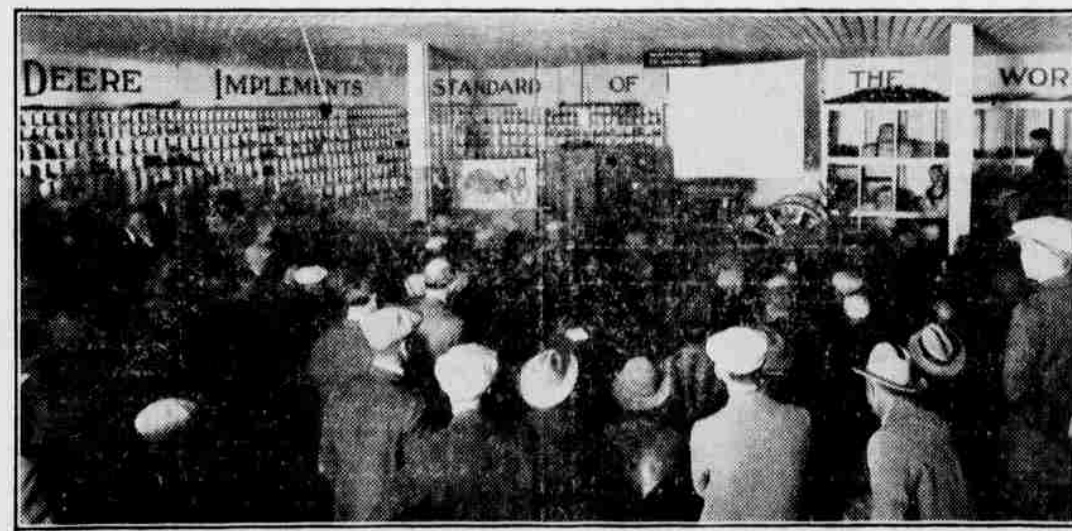
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All tractor users and people interested are cordially invited to attend. Lunch will be served.

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