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HALFWAY POINT WITH LEGISLATURE PASSED

More Than 400 Measures So Far Given Law Makers for Action.

RELIEF BILL PENDS

Governor's Influence Expected to Be Strongly Felt in Final Action on Important Matters.

By JAP CRAWFORD

Salem, Jan. 30.—With the time for free introduction of bills by house members slated to end at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, the 37th legislative assembly has settled down to the task of disposing of the more than 400 bills already presented. The half way point of the stated session has just been passed, and it is expected that many bills will come, as the senate has no cloture rule, and bills from house committees and those members bills oked by the house rules and legislation committee may still be given consideration. House members also have recourse to a two-thirds vote of the house in gaining consideration for their bills.

Out of the vast panorama of human endeavors affected by the many bills presented, those outstanding problems indicated as a crying need by the voice of the people are now indicated to be receiving the considerate attention of the state legislative and administrative departments, with the governor taking the lead in dictating the remedies to be applied. In his several messages, the latest of which was received by the house today, touching on mortgage relief, Governor Meier has attempted to point the way out of the state's difficulties. Since the opening of the regular session none of these major recommendations has come to a test to determine how far the legislative bodies will adhere to his leadership. But with a lack of any definite counter programs of wide acceptance, it may be expected that the governor's influence will be most largely felt in determining the policies to be followed.

Due to arrive back in the house most any time now is Senator Lee's bill to put into effect the governor's recommendations on unemployment relief. After having been once referred to the joint unemployment relief committee, the bill passed the committee Friday afternoon with amendments said to make it acceptable. The bill calls for the establishment of state unemployment commission headed by the governor, and subcommittees of seven in the counties with the governor holding the balance of appointive power, and with the setup empowered to borrow up to the extent of its credit from the Reconstruction Finance corporation to administer relief as needed in close coordination with established agencies. The governor was given the balance of power by sponsors of the bill, because it is only in his name and under his responsibility that money can be borrowed from the federal agency.

The bill met some opposition in public hearings on the ground that it purveyed the wrong principle of relief. Some called it a dole, and opponents mostly were advocates of different forms of rehabilitation programs. Some members of the joint committee expressed themselves that they were sympathetic with a workable plan of rehabilitation, but supported the present measure because it affords the quick relief asserted to be now needed. They said adoption of this bill would not hinder the adoption of a rehabilitation program later if a feasible program could be found.

In his message today the governor advocated a form of moratorium on mortgage foreclosures, but did not favor an unqualified moratorium. It was his stated belief that in many instances, even today, foreclosure is justified in many instances by mortgagors quitting their farms or because of refusal to pay by some who are able to meet their payments. As a means of determining who is entitled to this form of relief and who is not, the governor advocated setting up a court to examine the evidence offered in justification for the relief. It was his belief that relief should be given only to those who were doing their best to make the farm or business pay and were unable to meet their mortgage obligations because of extenuating circumstances. A special mortgage relief committee has been appointed in the house, from which is expected a measure carrying the governor's plan for this form of relief.

Cutting governmental costs still maintains a place of first importance, but all recommendations and bills of this nature are still going to the joint ways and means committee, and all matters pertaining to state finances are expected to be in continued abeyance so far as action on the floor of the house or senate is concerned until after the committee's report is received.

Individual members of both houses are withholding action in cutting salaries of officers of the counties they represent, until after the fate of a bill being prepared by the counties and cities commit-

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JENNIE E. MCMURRAY.

Mrs. Hal O. Ely entertained at a quilting party on Thursday afternoon of last week. The following ladies were present to help with the quilting, to enjoy the social time and to do full justice to the delicious refreshments served by the hostess: Mrs. Louis Balsiger, Mrs. Paul Balsiger, Mrs. Lee Howell, Mrs. Emil Swanson, Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Mrs. Victor Peterson, Mrs. John Bryson, Miss Lucile Bristow, Mrs. Ed Bristow, Mrs. Elaine Blackwell, Mrs. Ida Fischer, Mrs. Ida Peterson, Mrs. Walter Dobyns, Mrs. Carl Allyn, Mrs. Charley Christopherson, Mrs. John Louy and Mrs. Wallace Matthews. Master Richard Christopherson celebrated his seventh birthday anniversary January 29 and in honor of the occasion his mother, Mrs. Charley Christopherson, gave a children's party at her home on Second street. Present, besides the honoree, were Alan Howk, Bobby Everson, Billy Blake, Alvin and Vernon Christopherson, Phillip Gulland, Ernest McCabe and Wayne Christopherson. Refreshments of fruit salad and cake were served.

When George Ely returned home Tuesday evening after attending the regular meeting of the Eastern Star he found his home occupied by fifty friends who did not mean to let him forget that he was another year farther along on the journey of life. The self invited guests were already enjoying dancing when Mr. Ely arrived and continued to dance until midnight when refreshments were served.

A birthday dinner was served at the Elmer Baldwin home Sunday complimenting Miss Gladys Reaney of Heppner. Other guests present were Miss Olivia Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Art Parker, Shelly Baldwin and Andrew Baldwin, all of Heppner.

James Botts and family motored over from Yakima Sunday to spend a few days with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Botts. Mr. Botts, Sr., has been very ill for several weeks, but is now slowly improving.

Our basketball teams motored to Irrigon Friday night for a double header game. The boys lost to the Irrigon team, while the girls won. All meetings of the Union Sunday school will be held in the Christian church during the month of February. You are invited to be present.

Louis Bergevin, Antone Holub and Frank Holub were among those from here who attended the "Caterpillar" school conducted by the Braden-Bell Tractor and Equipment company at Pendleton January 28. Frank Holub recently purchased a "30 Cat" which he will use on his wheat ranch. Mr. Bergevin took in the school while enroute to Thorn Hollow from which point he is hauling wheat for reseeded. Mrs. Ida Peterson is seriously ill at her home on Second street. She is being cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Walter Dobyns, Wilma, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dobyns, is also ill.

Two are ill at the Ray Turner home, Mr. Turner and the young daughter.

Some wheat threshing is being done this week on the Laxton McMurray creek ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ball and daughters have returned to their home at Forest Grove after spending several years farming in Morrow county. Mr. Ball will resume his work as planer in a lumber mill, a position he held in former years.

Wate Crawford received severe injuries Sunday while working at a pump jack. The glove which he wore was caught in such a way as to draw his hand into the machine. The first finger on his left hand had to be amputated and the second finger is badly cut and bruised.

The "House of David," the Victor Rietmann home north of town, was

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tee of the house is determined. The committee is attempting in this bill to make a general readjustment of salaries of county officers on the basis of population, area and valuation of each county after the system now in effect in the state of Washington. It is said the readjustment will be in line, so far as practicable, with the general sentiment for reduction, and it is being attempted to set them in accordance with prevailing economic conditions. However, under the plan, reduction in some counties must necessarily be greater than in others because their charts show that existing salaries in various counties which are equal as to base vary in some instances as much as two to one.

Should this bill fail, it is expected a great flock of individual salary-reduction bills will pour into the hopper.

Hot among the lobbyists are those interested in fisheries and fishing. A bill of which Representative Turner of Morrow county is one of the introducers, has for its purpose permitting commercial fishing on the upper Columbia river once more. This is an age-old controversy that has been up and down the legislative and election lanes in years past. What its chances now are is a good guess for anyone to make.

It is now believed that the legislative assembly will do its utmost to wind up its work in the 40 days for which the members receive pay. In that event the latter days promise to be loaded with work on tax and revenue measures, and quick disposition will have to be made of the hundred-and-one or more or less minor and unimportant.

Why Silas Isn't Getting Home

—By Albert T. Reid



HEPPNER BANKS WILL LIQUIDATE

First National and Farmers & Stockgrowers Banks Taken in Charge by Comptroller.

After taking advantage of a holiday since the 27th of last October, the First National Bank of Heppner was taken in charge by national bank authorities; the Farmers & Stockgrowers National, whose holiday covered a little shorter period, has also come under the same control, and Monday morning each institution was posted as follows: "This bank, under direction of the Comptroller of the Currency, is in charge of R. E. A. Palmer, National bank examiner, Jan. 28, 1933." It is understood that both banks will be in charge of a receiver to be appointed from Washington, and that he is expected to be on hand and take up the work of liquidation in about two weeks.

The community had hoped the two institutions would get together on a basis that would insure Heppner one strong bank, but they failed in this regard by the earnest efforts put forth to bring it about. Heppner has enjoyed good banking facilities for a period of half a century, and it comes hard to be deprived of the convenience of a money house, to say nothing of the tie-up of the finances of the county which are so much needed now in the carrying on of business.

Just how the funds held in the banks belonging to Morrow county can be released, is not right now apparent. Treasurer Briggs holds securities that seem to be ample to cover his balances, but he seems to be handicapped in their disposal right now. When the receiver takes charge this problem may be worked out.

Union Missionary Elects Officers for Coming Year

Members of the committee representing the Methodist, Episcopal and Christian churches of the city met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Barlow Tuesday afternoon to choose officers and committees for the Union Missionary society for the coming year. Officers elected were Mrs. E. B. Huston, president; Mrs. M. M. Gemmill, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Case, secretary-treasurer. The program committee for the year will be Mrs. Frank E. Parker, chairman, Mrs. Gay M. Anderson and Mrs. Jas. D. Cash; refreshments, Mrs. Gus Nickander, Mrs. Jeff Jones and Mrs. Frank Shively. The next meeting of the society will be held on the 3rd of March at the Episcopal church.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE.

Coach George Mabey of Heppner high school announces the following schedule which has been arranged for the intra-city teams for this evening, Thursday, February 2, and Thursday evening, Feb. 7, on the gymnasium floor: Thursday—Beavers vs. Trojans, 7:00 and 7:30; Yanks vs. Gordon's, 7:15 and 7:45; Gazette Times vs. Wilson's, 8:00 and 8:30. Tuesday—Wilson's vs. Trojans, 7:00 and 7:30; Beavers vs. Yanks, 7:15 and 7:45; Gazette Times vs. Gordon's, 8:00 and 8:30.

Start now to play to be SAFE AT SIXTY. See Anna Thomson for New York Life's Depression Policy; also for those popular life insurance rates.

SEEK TO AUGMENT VOLUME OF MONEY

Issuance of Scrip Suggested to Help Holders of Local Warrants.

PLANS BEING MADE

Enthusiastic Meeting of Business Men Tuesday Evening Talk Over Proposition.

At the Monday luncheon of the Heppner Lions club this week, Dean T. Goodman presented for the consideration of those business men present the tentative plan for issuance of scrip to aid in carrying on local retail business. Mr. Goodman had been looking into the matter and was presenting it to the club as a means of getting the subject before the business men of Heppner and to have some suggestions as to the manner of procedure. He stated that the community was facing a serious question in the handling of warrants of both the city and school districts. Teachers, particularly, were not able to get cash on their warrants and this was working a hardship on them and making it impossible to find the money to meet their actual and pressing needs; this in turn, is forcing them to go elsewhere and put up their warrants in exchange for the merchandise they are compelled to have. It has, as a matter of fact, become impossible to a large extent for the local merchant to finance the situation, consequently some plan to relieve the situation seems necessary to be worked out. Hence the proposal to augment the local financial situation by the issuance of "leather money" or some other token to be used as a medium of exchange among the business houses of the community and save this slipping business for the home merchant.

The Lions lent the move their encouragement and stood ready to join with the business men of Heppner in promoting whatever plan is finally decided upon. Following the meeting at the hotel Tuesday evening, called by the Lions to consider proposed laws affecting the school system of the state, to which reference is made in another column, Mr. Goodman was asked to take charge, and he again explained to some length suggested plans. There was a splendid representation of the business firms and others interested in the proposals, and the question was given liberal and earnest discussion. No definite plan seemed to present itself, but growing out of the discussion and the suggestions offered a committee of seven was left to be appointed by Mayor Anderson, whose duty it will be to put the suggestions into a completed and definite shape, and another meeting will be called as soon as they have formulated their report. No doubt the matter will then come up in such shape as to be workable, and the plan can be adopted.

According to the plan as proposed there would be an issue of scrip to the amount of \$10,000. The manner of security and the date of redemption will no doubt be worked out by the committee. While there

NEW FARM CROPS SHOWING PROMISE

Growers Shower State College With Inquiries Regarding Present Prospects.

What of the new crops, and what of possibilities for some little used older ones? That farmers are always keenly interested in these matters is shown by the high proportion of inquiries dealing with new varieties and species that find their way to the Oregon Experiment station offices at Corvallis.

In the farm crops field there are several of considerable interest this year. Some are not actually new, but are crops not heretofore widely used. One such is the proso type of millet which affords another re-seeding possibility for western Oregon, says Harry Scoth, federal agronomist at O. S. C. Millet is a good feed for cattle and sheep and is especially good for summer sheep pasture. It also makes excellent poultry feed. The proso millets are apparently more satisfactory than the fox-tail types because they produce more heavily for both forage and seed and mature earlier, says Scoth. Forage yields have averaged more than three tons to the acre in Oregon with seed yields from 25 to 30 bushels. Early Fortune, White French Yellow Manitoba and Hegira are satisfactory varieties.

WILLOWS GRANGE MEETS.

Willows Grange met in business session at their hall in Cecil Saturday evening, with a fine attendance and three visitors from Lexington Grange. Willows has decided to hold a social meeting on the second Saturday night of each month, and they hope to help everyone attending on these occasions by making them very enjoyable. On the fourth Saturday of each month the business meetings will be held, with a social hour following for the members and their families. The next social evening will be at the Cecil hall on Saturday evening, Feb. 11, and entertainment will be a dance. —Reporter.

O. E. S. ENTERTAINED.

Following the regular meeting of Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star, Friday evening, the members present were entertained by the past matrons and patrons of the organization. The entertainment took the form of an old-style country school, in which about twenty took part, and was apparently greatly enjoyed. It is the plan of the present officers of the chapter to have similar entertainments the last meeting of each month.

seemed to be some opposition to this scrip issue on the part of a few, sentiment in favor of it was practically unanimous when the vote of the citizens present was called for.

Mayor Anderson announces the committee as follows: D. T. Goodman, chairman; Chas. Thomson, Earl Eskelson, Jos. J. Nys, Lucy E. Rodgers, Josephine Mahoney, and Spencer Crawford. This committee will hold its first meeting this evening at the council chambers at 8 o'clock. The mayor also assured the meeting that the city would stand by such action as may be taken, and will aid in every way they can in promoting the circulation of the scrip.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS.

Lexington P. T. A. met Wednesday evening with the president, Lena Kelly, in charge. A number of songs were enjoyed by the assembly. George Gillis gave a talk on the teachers' side of students' book reports. The essence of his talk can be summed up in these points: 1. Need of reading is now almost vital; 2. reading habits in choice of material and time of reading determine one's efficiency; 3. the span of the eye in picking many words at once to aid speed in reading; 4. on the average the fastest readers have much better knowledge of what they read than the slow readers; 5. book reports have been made of special interest in Morrow county schools by county school superintendent, Lucy E. Rodgers, by offering a prize of any desired book for every one hundred books read. The purpose of this effort is to promote habits of intelligent reading that will develop character in the young people, cause them to think of the aim of what they read, and the exchange of ideas and facts in building better imaginations and better backgrounds.

Evelyn Kirk read a book report of her work. The words used, thoughts, and facts she had gathered held the assembly in quiet interest. Her work was heartily encouraged.

Edith Edwards, a freshman in high school, has read one hundred books and will receive the book of her choice from Mrs. Rodgers.

Supt. Lucy E. Rodgers gave an interesting discussion on 4-H club work. Mrs. Rodgers hopes for the cooperation of parents in this community so that we may have more and better club work. Her idea is that club work trains more for homemaking than school work does. At the conclusion of Mrs. Rodgers' talk the P. T. A. decided to send out questionnaires for the purpose of determining how many of the parents are interested and willing to cooperate in the club work. Mr. Ingles was appointed to attend to this.

Mrs. George Allyn gave the report of the hot lunch committee. The plan of furnishing free lunches to the school children has proved very successful and the parents have cooperated wonderfully well in furnishing the materials for the lunches.

As a result of the efforts of the P. T. A. the children in the first and second grades now have milk to drink at ten o'clock each morning. This is proving beneficial to the little ones as it keeps them from getting hungry before noon.

Mrs. Rodgers complimented the P. T. A. on the good work they are doing this year.

Following the lesson period in the Church of Christ Sunday morning at ten-fifty, Mr. Sias will deliver a short sermon on the topic "Higher Visions." There was an increased attendance in the unified service last Sunday. On Tuesday evening this week a party was given the Loyal Workers class, who were victors in the contest just closed. The final banquet for them is in prospect for an early date.

R. H. Lane made a business trip to Portland the first part of the week.

On Saturday, February 4, a free dance will be given by Lexington Grange at Leach hall. Supper will be served at midnight for which there will be a charge of fifteen cents per plate. Supper tickets will be sold at the door and all who have tickets will be allowed to dance free of charge. Good music will be provided and everyone is assured a good time.

Mrs. Charles Inderbitzen and Mrs. Ed Burchell went to Heppner Tuesday afternoon, taking with them Mrs. Burchell's daughter, Doris, who has been suffering with an infected finger. Her finger seemed to be getting better for a time but has become quite painful again and required the services of a physician.

Some of the farmers of this vicinity who have reseeded their fields fear that the wheat is again frozen out by the cold weather of last week.

Sometime during Monday night some person or persons unknown entered the mill at the Farmers warehouse. Nothing was taken insofar as has been determined, according to report of Harry Dinges, manager. Entrance was gained through a door which was forced open by the intruders.

The People of Social Ridge and neighboring communities were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brown at their Rhea creek home Saturday evening. Dancing was the diversion of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were capable hosts and their friends enjoyed being entertained in their home.

Miss Agnes Warner and Miss Arleta Willoughby, telephone operators at Arlington, were visiting at the local telephone office Saturday afternoon.

Oral Scott made a business trip to Portland this week. David Gordon Schriever, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schriever, is said to be seriously ill at a Portland hospital. He underwent an operation Saturday night and is reported to be progressing very well.

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NEW SCHOOL BILLS ARE OPPOSED HERE

Lowering Minimum Standard Held Backward Educational Step.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED

Mass Meeting Tuesday Hears Discussion of Measures Pending in Oregon Legislature.

In a communication to the Lions club Monday, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers called attention to the several bills now before the legislature at Salem, having for their purpose radical changes in the existing school laws. After setting out fully her objections to the proposed legislation, Mrs. Rodgers asked the cooperation of the club in securing the sentiment of the community regarding these measures. Time did not permit a discussion of the bills before the club at their Monday luncheon, and it was arranged to call a meeting of the citizens for Tuesday evening at the club room. In response to this call, and the further fact that it was intended to discuss further the proposition of issuing scrip that had also been presented to the club for consideration by D. T. Goodman, there was a large attendance of representative business men and citizens present.

As the Lions had sponsored the meeting especially for discussion of the school bills, their president, Spencer Crawford, presided. Mrs. Rodgers being present, was called on to present the subject, and feeling that S. E. Notson could handle the subject better, she called on him to state the objects to be sought by the so-called minimum salary bill, H. B. No. 42, and its companion measure, known as the minimum term bill. Following the forceful statements of Mr. Notson, the sentiment of the meeting was quickly given and is expressed in the resolution following.

Other measures were touched on by E. F. Bloom, city superintendent of schools. These were House Bills 78, 81 and 155. He especially opposed the bill that will do away with districts paying transportation of high school pupils, showing that this would hamper the students of the outlying districts in finishing high school. Economy measures that hit at the very heart of the state and that will doubtless cripple very seriously a structure that it has taken years to build up, is a backward step, and it received no sympathy whatever in Tuesday night's meeting.

We give herewith the resolutions unanimously adopted: Whereas, bills have been introduced in the legislature to amend the school law so as to reduce the minimum school term to six months and to reduce the minimum salary to be paid to teachers to \$60.00 per month; and

Whereas, it is evident that such amendments would lower the efficiency of our schools which took advantage of such amendments, not only because the term would be shortened, but because it would inevitably result in the employment of inferior teachers; and

Whereas, the future of the state and nation depends upon an intelligent citizenship and the well-being of the rising generation demands that the youth of our land be given as much training as will equip them to grapple with the difficult and complex problems which beset our civilization; and

Whereas, in our opinion economy at the expense of efficiency is the rankest extravagance; therefore,

Be it Resolved by this mass meeting of the citizens of Heppner, Oregon, that it is the sense of this meeting that these proposed amendments should not be adopted; that they offer a false economy; and that, while there must be economy in public expenditures, our public schools should not be crippled by economy until economy in all other public enterprises has reached its extreme limit.

The meeting also, on motion, went on record as being opposed to House Bills No. 78, No. 81 and No. 155. This motion was also adopted by unanimous vote, and Mr. Notson was instructed to prepare and forward copies to our representatives in the legislature.

HOME COMING MEETING.

A big homecoming meeting of Doric lodge No. 20, K. of P., will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 7, 1933, to which all who have ever been members of the order are cordially invited. Walter G. Gleason, grand K. of R. & S., will be there, come and give him a knightly greeting. This meeting is for men only, and there will be refreshments and a program.

Members of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., fraternized with Ione Masonic lodge last evening, and enjoyed a good time following the regular communication. Refreshments were served. Heppner Masons visiting Ione were Fred Lucas and Lawrence Beach of Lexington, C. J. D. Bauman, Robert Wightman, John Wightman and Harry Tamblin.