

STATE NEWS
CAPITAL

State Property Tax
Verbal Tilt on Building
Corbett in Front

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SALEM.—Property owners will contribute only \$1,363,706.47 toward the current expenses of the state government during 1935. Of the total state levy of \$4,555,005.59 against property announced by the tax commission last week \$1,887,008.81 is the two-mill levy for support of the elementary school, a fund which remains in the counties and is in no sense a state tax. Another \$1,304,290.31 of the 1935 levy is accounted for by the general fund deficit, which, according to the constitution, must be met if this can be done without exceeding the six percent increase.

While the financial needs of the many tax-supported state departments, institutions, boards and commissions for the year are estimated at \$6,044,455.47, revenues from miscellaneous sources other than property taxes are expected to yield \$4,680,749. These miscellaneous sources include income, intangibles and excise taxes estimated to yield \$1,900,000; inheritance taxes, corporation and insurance fees, titling fees, etc., estimated at \$2,150,000; transfers to the general fund from the motor transport division, fish and game department, etc., for support of the state police, totalling \$450,749; and unexpended balance from the 1933-34 budgets amounting to \$200,000.

Special millages alone impose a burden of \$1,764,485 upon the taxpayers of the state or approximately \$400,000 in excess of the total property tax for current expenses.

Oregon has received more help from Uncle Sam during the past year in proportion to its own contribution toward relief of the unemployed than any other northern state. More than 90 percent of all funds spent in the state this year for unemployment relief has come from the federal government, according to information received by the executive department. Approximately \$15,000,000 in federal funds have been allocated to Oregon this year. These include \$8,530,593 in federal emergency relief funds, \$6,000,000 in civil works funds and \$500,000 worth of commodities for distribution among the needy.

Legislative action will be necessary before the state's three normal schools can be designated as junior colleges. Attorney General Van Winkle advised the state board of higher education. The attorney general's opinion points out that the exclusive purpose and object of the normal schools "is the giving of instruction, necessary or appropriate to qualify persons for teaching in the public schools of the state and they are by law designated as normal schools."

The most recent verbal tilt between Governor Meier and State Treasurer Holman, that centering about the Mulkey building, seems to be just another case of much ado about nothing in particular.

Holman, it seems, suggested that the legislature should investigate the feasibility of converting the building into office space for state departments, if and when the building reverts to the state, citing the fact that the state is now paying some \$40,000 a month in rentals to provide for state activities now located in Portland.

When the governor heard of the suggestion he immediately branded it as "asinine and ridiculous" and insisted that the state should turn the property back to the Mulkey estate.

The building, a three story affair located at Second and Morrison streets, was willed to the state by Frank M. Mulkey of Portland who died in 1927. The bequest, however, was subject to a life interest in the property by Chester V. Dolph who has since died, and Marshall F. Armstrong, who survives.

The legislature of 1929 accepted the gift and authorized the board of control to take charge of the property and protect the state's interests, such as might exist. Attorney General Van Winkle, however, has advised the board that as yet title to the property has not passed to the state and will not so long as Armstrong lives.

Multnomah county succeeded in diverting \$50,000 of its unemployment relief allotment this month to the relief of its indigents but other counties faced with the same problem will probably have to muddle through as best they can. In agreeing to this diversion of funds to meet the Multnomah county emergency the federal relief administrator warned that "we must insist that relief of the unemployed is a responsibility of local communities." Which is interpreted here to mean that any additional indigent relief funds which the state might want to advance will have to be in addition to the \$250,000 a month which Oregon has agreed to put up to match federal funds for relief of the unemployed. This would necessitate sale of certificates of indebtedness against future liquor profits, a procedure to which Governor Meier is very much opposed.

The state hospital for insane at Salem reached a new population record this week with a total of 2678 patients, 1479 men and 1199 women.

Refusal of Senator Corbett to release his pledges from their promise to support him for the gavel-wielding job would seem to have spiked the plans of the Democratic minority to dictate organization of the senate through a coalition with the "Progressive" members of that

body. Corbett is said to have 18 of the senators signed on the dotted line and even though two of these should desert him, which is not likely, he would still have enough votes to insure his election to the presidency.

With the leadership of the two legislative bodies thus apparently settled attention now turns to the legislative program. Governor-elect Martin who was in Salem this week on a house-hunting expedition refused to discuss the message which he is now whipping into shape except to say that it would deal with a number of important problems. Regardless of what recommendations the governor may have to make, however, it can be taken for granted that there will be the usual grist of bills demanding attention.

Small truck owners are organizing for another attack on the bus and truck bill. Even the big truck operators think that the motor transport fees are too high and will demand a revision downward, a proposal that can be expected to meet with plenty of opposition. Hotel and restaurant men are preparing to send a powerful lobby to Salem in the interest of an amendment to the liquor control act to permit the sale of hard liquor in eating places with or without meals. The free-power-for-nothing boys, undaunted by the defeat of the Grange Power bill in the recent election, can be expected to renew their demand for a hydro-electric commission with authority to construct state-owned transmission lines. The old age pension bill is due for a general revamping, possibly into an old age insurance set up along the lines suggested by Labor Commissioner Gram. The automobile association is sponsoring a "dog bite" safety responsibility measure which does not at all satisfy the compulsory insurance advocates. Unemployment relief is still a live issue with liquor profits wholly inadequate to meet the need. These are only a few of the problems with which the lawmakers will have to wrestle during their stay in Salem. Governor-elect Martin's planning commission is expected to contribute a number of others.

Neophytes in the house and senate are breaking into print with announcements of their intentions to come to Salem, enact the governor's program and get home again well before the expiration of the 40 days for which the constitution allows them to draw pay for their services. All of which gives the veteran lawmakers a big laugh. For they know that law making is not so simple a matter as that. With the views of 90 members to be reconciled to an acceptance of the greatest good to the greatest number and with constituents and lobbyists pulling and hauling this way and that in their efforts to influence legislation, the forthcoming session can be depended on to be just as interesting as any of those that have gone before and to run all of the allotted 40 days and nights and then some.

Society folk in the capital city are looking forward with a great deal of pleasurable anticipation to the coming of Governor and Mrs. Martin to Salem in January. They have already arranged for the lease of a beautiful home in the Fairmount hill district of south Salem and are expected to enter actively into the social life of the city to which they will be introduced at a reception and ball to be given in the armory on the night of January 14.

CHRISTMAS AIDS OFFERED.

Many helpful suggestions, menus and recipes to aid the homemaker in preparing the annual Christmas feast, whether it is to be very elaborate or very simple, may be had free upon request from the home economics division of the extension service at O. S. C., or from county home demonstration agents. In addition to complete menus for the holiday meal, the four mimeographed leaflets contain recipes for everything from the roasting of the turkey to the Christmas candy, including plum pudding, fruit cake, Christmas cookies, pumpkin chifon pie, salads, relishes, and many other traditional goodies of the season. Suggestions are also given for wrapping food gifts for Christmas, and for decorating the Christmas table.

These leaflets, prepared by members of the home economics extension service are, H. E. 684, Suggestions for Holiday Dinner Menus with Recipes; H. E. 272, "Christmas Cookies"; H. E. 109, "Wholesome Sweets for Christmas," and H. E. 260, "Fruit Cakes and Plum Puddings."

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Evening service 7:50 p. m.
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Midweek service, Thursday 7:30 p. m.

"WHAT IS THAT TO THEE?"
FOLLOW THOU ME." Jesus Christ was walking along the shores of Galilee and was followed by Peter. Peter looked back and saw John coming along behind; he immediately grew jealous and asked Christ what John was tagging along for, and received the answer above noted.

The meetings with Teddy Leavitt are drawing to a close; just a few more days now and they will be history.

What are you doing about your relationship to God, to Jesus Christ, to Christian living? Talking about others is no answer to this question; criticizing others is no answer to the question; feeble and petty and futile alibis is no answer to this question.

Waiting to see what my husband or wife or sister or friend or neighbor is going to do is no answer to the question as to what we are going to do about answering the call to Christian service in Christ's own Church.

Waiting for some one else to take the right step is a very poor excuse for our failing to answer the prayer of Jesus for the oneness of His people.

What are you going to do with Jesus? Are you going to boldly step out and follow Him in His way? Do so before these meetings close.

METHODIST CHURCH.

JOSEPH POPE, Pastor.
Morning services:
Sunday School 9:45.
Public Worship 11:00. Christmas anthem.
Evening services:
Epworth League 6:30.
The preaching service will be dismissed to attend the services at the Church of Christ.

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE.

ALFRED R. WOMACK, Pastor.
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O.S.C. Agricultural Staff Confers on Big Program

How to bring to Oregon throughout the coming year the maximum advantages from state and federal aids to agriculture will be the chief theme of the annual agricultural staff conference at Oregon State college December 17 to 20, inclusive.

This conference, called by W. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture, will include all of the regular and emergency members of the county extension staffs, the branch experiment station superintendents, and the resident staff in extension, experiment station and resident instruction division. While a number of out of state officials will be present to take part in the conference, most of the program is devoted to intensive consideration of Oregon's situation in relation to national and regional programs.

Several members of the staff, including Dean Schoenfeld and P. L. Ballard, vice-director of the extension service, have recently returned from conferences in Washington, D. C., where they were called in connection with the latest agricultural developments. They will relay the information gained to the entire staff here in Oregon.

Among those to take part in the program who are not on the local staff are W. A. Rockie, superintendent of the Pacific Northwest soil erosion station at Pullman; Harry B. Carroll, advisor of the rural rehabilitation program; Clifford L. Smith, director of rural rehabilitation in Oregon; and Clara V. Thompson, assistant director of rural rehabilitation in charge of home economics. Latest information on AAA programs dealing with cornhog, wheat, dairy disease eradication, and land utilization will be available for those taking part in the conference.

In carrying out its national projects, the U. S. department of agriculture is making more and more use of the extension and research organizations of the various states, says Dean Schoenfeld. Only thru maintaining complete and efficient state organizations can the full benefits of these national projects be obtained for Oregon, he says.

Plans will be discussed at the conferences for shaping the general research, extension and teaching programs in agriculture so as to fit in most completely with the present national trends in agriculture. Effort is being made to retain as much as possible of the normal service activities of the organizations throughout the state in the face of the greatly increased emergency demands on the time and efforts of the staff.

Eugene—Lane county farmers purchased 36,000 pounds of Grimm alfalfa seed in 1934, a survey by County Agent O. S. Fletcher shows. This was enough to plant approximately 3000 acres of alfalfa, and while many farmers probably failed to obtain stands because of adverse weather conditions, Mr. Fletcher estimates that not less than 2700 acres of this crop were successfully established in Lane county this year. This is a considerable increase over the previous alfalfa acreage in the county, he says.

Extends Irrigation Project
Hillsboro—Plans for extending his irrigation project, already supplying 120 acres on his farm with supplemental water, are being made by John Thornburgh of Hillsboro, reports County Agent W. F. Cyrus. The extension will mean about 3600 feet of flume. When completed he will have approximately 160 acres, or practically all of his farm that can be irrigated, under water. The additional irrigated acreage will be seeded to ladino clover.

Plan Erosion Control Trials
Gold Beach—A number of erosion control demonstrations, using 10,000 pounds of Kentucky bluegrass seed recently made available by the federal government, are to be started in Curry county in the near future by County Agent R. M. Knox and G. R. Hyslop, chief of the plant industry division at O. S. C. It is planned to make five large plantings of about 100 acres each on recently burned-over land, and to distribute the remainder of the seed to a number of cooperators for trial on a smaller scale under varying conditions.

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