

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- More Taxation.
• Budget Control.
• Pension to Senate.

SALEM.—With Old Man Oregon again displaying definite symptoms of financial torment in the region of his budgetary department rumors of another prescription of sales tax come from the consultation room where the revenue doctors are gathered to consider the condition of the patient and recommend a remedy.

It isn't so much what the Old Man has eaten that is giving the experts their present concern. It is the extra courses such as unemployment relief and old age pensions which the federal government and the counties insist on adding to his regular menu that is threatening the financial health of an otherwise husky individual and which is causing the specialists no end of worry in their search for an effective and at the same time acceptable counter-irritant.

The federal government which is insisting that the state take on its share of unemployment relief is not at all concerned as to how or where the money is raised for this purpose. Not so with the county judges and commissioners who were here this week to urge the state to take over the burden of old age pensions. They were all insistent that no additional taxes be imposed on property, a position with which Governor Martin heartily agrees.

The governor, however, is just as insistent that no additional revenue can be expected from income and excise taxes. Capital, he points out, must not be further discouraged from coming to Oregon if this state is to reap the full measure of benefit through new industries when the cheap power from Bonneville dam becomes available.

With these old fashioned remedies disposed of there does not seem to be much choice left but to turn to something new like the sales tax. Not the straight, uncoated concoction which the experts prescribed on two former occasions and which the patient absolutely refused to swallow. That would, it is generally admitted, be merely a waste of effort as the patient is not yet sick enough to take any kind of medicine against his will.

So the new prescription, when it comes, will probably be a sugar coated pill, more palatable and less bitter to the taste—something like a luxury tax or an amusement tax which cannot be charged with taking the bread and butter out of the mouths of the hungry or the shirts off the backs of the poor.

It may not come at this session, now nearing its end. Chances are that it will not since Governor Martin is reluctant to propose or even endorse any new taxes at this time. Besides it does not seem that the federal government's unemployment relief or old age security program will be completed in time for the state to enact any cooperative legislation at the regular session.

That means the lawmakers will probably wind up their routine program of amendatory measures and appropriations within the next week and go home to await the call of the governor for an extraordinary session a little later to enact unemployment and old age pension legislation to be financed by some sort of tax on the spending power of the people of the entire state.

The legislature has given Governor Martin a budgetary control law but it is doubtful if the governor was able to recognize the measure as related in any way to his own brain child which he introduced to the lawmakers on the opening day of the session. After the House and Senate had worked the measure over to the satisfaction of their respective memberships there was very little budgetary "control" left.

The administration's fee gathering bill having become hopelessly bogged down in the senate the governor's advisors are now turning their attention to a revival of the tithing bill. The new measure is expected to exact a much heavier toll on some of the larger of the self-sustaining boards and commissions than did the act of 1933 which even allowed a few of these activities escape entirely any contribution to the general fund through a technical error in the act discovered only after the session had adjourned.

Oregon communities which expect to benefit directly by the federal employment bureau system must reconcile themselves to the idea of putting up 75 percent of the state's share of the cost of the local bureau either through private subscriptions or appropriations from city or county funds.

versal measures of this session. Fact is the House seems to be "yessing" most of the big bills at this session, passing the buck over to the veterans of the Senate as it were.

One of the most enjoyable functions of the year in Salem was the party given by P. J. Stadelman, former secretary of state, at the Marion hotel Friday night to 140 state officials, department heads and newspapermen and their ladies. Dinner was followed by an evening of dancing.

The verbal exchange of left handed compliments between Representatives Erwin and Angell during the course of a debate last week was not at all unusual in the experience of the lawmakers. The nerves of a legislative session are naturally pretty well unstrung after four weeks of strenuous labors and it does not take much provocation to start an argument replete with stinging remarks and bitter epithets. If the senate has thus far been fairly free of such unpleasantness it is only because its membership is composed of veterans who are better able to withstand punishment without cracking under the strain.

State Motor Association Will Support Safety Bill

As a further step toward creating more safety in connection with operating or traveling in motor vehicles, the Oregon State Motor association, sponsor of the "Let's Quit Killing" program, will support a bill in the present session of the state legislature calling for the installation of safety glass on all new automobiles sold after January 1st, 1936.

Glass which shatters in the event of an accident was described by the motor association as an important contributing factor in many deaths and injuries throughout the state. The legislation sought for Oregon is similar to that enacted in Nebraska, and calls for all automobiles manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1936, to be equipped with the especially prepared glass. Change to safety glass would be required for all cars for hire and school buses.

The motor association pointed out, however, that owners of private automobiles purchased before January 1, 1936, would not be required to install the safety glass, but would be urged to install it when replacing breakages.

Enforcement of the proposed law would be through the motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office. No new registration would be granted until adequate proof of proper glass is given.

Many manufacturers are equipping their automobiles with the safety glass, as legislation similar to that proposed in Oregon has been adopted in many states, according to the motor association. Other manufacturers make its installation optional.

Safety glass is required in 12 states and recommended in eight.

If the windshield or windows of a car become coated with vapor during cold weather driving it is an indication that the car is not properly ventilated, according to the safety department of the Oregon State Motor association. At least two windows should be opened slightly to permit free circulation of air. This will help to keep the vision clear and avoid drowsiness and other effects of poor ventilation, which often are responsible for serious traffic accidents.

Bonneville Dam Uses Told by U. O. Expert

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Aluminum, phosphates, nitrogen which is so useful in manufacture of munitions, and many other products may be made in quantity through use of electric energy to be produced by energy generated by the Bonneville dam, students of the University of Oregon and others were told here Monday night by O. F. Stafford, professor of chemistry and head of sciences on this campus.

The production of metals and chemicals can utilize a great deal of the power to be made available by the great project, Dean Stafford pointed out. Aluminum oxide, now found in large deposits, can be broken down by use of electrical energy, after an intermediate process to change it to the form of a solution has taken place. Metals which can be produced or are refined through electrolysis include zinc, copper, silver, gold and magnesium.

Phosphates production, by the use of tremendous heat from electric furnaces, is also a field to which manufacturers can turn. Even alcohol and vinegar can be produced through an electrical process in which calcium carbide is used.

Dean Stafford, during his lecture, explained how electric current is produced, and outlined the more common uses to which current from the huge project can be put.

OSC Service Statistics Huge

Corvalla.—Oregon experiment station staff members answered 60,395 letters of inquiry during the last two years according to the biennial report just issued. In addition personal consultations were held with 21,769 who called to seek information. The public sent in 4238 plant specimens for identification, and 11,026 "samples" of insects to have named. Disease identifications were made 3229 times, and 6619 germination and purity tests on seeds were made. For big figures the veterinary department topped the list. It made 108,000 tests for Bang's disease, 180,000 for bacillary diarrhea in poultry, and distributed 680,000 doses of chicken-pox vaccine.

At Heppner Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST. ALVIN KLEINFELDT, Pastor. Bible School 9:45 a. m. Morning services 11 a. m. C. E. Society 7:30 p. m. Evening services 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Midweek service, Tuesday 7:30 p. m. Morning sermon, "Disciples Christ Can Use." Evening sermon, "God's Will." The public is cordially invited to attend all of our meetings and will find them worshipful and uplifting. Their value cannot be overestimated.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH. Service of evening prayer, 7:30, Sunday, Feb. 24. Services will be held at Cecil at 3:15 afternoon of same day. RALPH V. HINKLE.

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE. ALFRED R. WOMACK, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 A. M. After Service 11:00 A. M. Evening Service 7:30 P. M. Tuesday night, prayer meeting only, 7:30. Thursday evangelistic service 7:30 "WE WELCOME ALL"

Land Sales Continue To Set High Record

"Back to the land" has been more than a fanciful slogan, in the experience of the land liquidating division of the Federal Land bank of Spokane. For in each successive month all during the fall and winter period, the bank has established one new record after another in the sale of properties it has been forced to acquire from borrowers.

After setting an all-time record in 1934 by marketing farms to the value of \$2,560,000, the liquidating department is off to an even better start this year with sales of \$234,500 in January. Not only is this the largest January volume in the bank's history, but down payments showed a gain of 100 per cent over January last year.

"I believe this sales record is the best barometer of all to demonstrate that Pacific northwest agriculture is coming back," says Ward K. Newcomb, vice president of the land bank. "It has been my observation, after a pretty long acquaintance with farming conditions, that when money starts going into land it is a good sign of returning confidence all round. I feel that such is the case now. Land values are rising gradually and the farm once more is being regarded as an attractive form of investment."

"The land bank, of course, is an unwilling possessor of the properties it has been forced to acquire, and desires to return them to individual management as promptly as suitable buyers can be found—on terms aimed at helping experienced operators establish a permanent home and make good."

PWA Grants Awarded To State Institutions

Eugene.—Grants of PWA funds for construction of an infirmary at Oregon State college, to cost \$100,000, and gymnasiums at the Oregon Normal school and Southern Oregon Normal school to cost \$54,000 and \$45,000 respectively, have been approved by officials at Washington, according to a telegram received at the office of the chancellor of higher education. Confirmation of the grants was also received here from the PWA officials in Portland.

In each case 30 percent of the actual cost of construction will be an outright grant from the federal government, and the balance will be in the form of a loan to be repaid over a long period of time from student building fees.

With the approval of these three projects, all applications submitted by the state board of higher education have been accepted, with the exception of the infirmary proposed for the University of Oregon. Final action on this has been held up pending a bill before the legislature. The infirmary planned for the university will cost \$100,000. The university library to cost \$350,000, and the Eastern Oregon Normal training school have already been approved.

The new infirmary at the college will provide for the first time adequate facilities for this purpose. At the present, a remodeled fraternity house, some distance from the campus, is used. The gymnasium at Ashland will be the first unit of a physical education and classroom building. The Monmouth structure will be one story, to provide health and physical education facilities, replacing a wholly inadequate building in use at present.

Closing Date of Corn-Hog Campaign Set for Mar. 16

March 16 has been set as the closing date for signing applications for the 1935 corn-hog contracts by the Oregon board of review which held its first meeting recently. This date is somewhat earlier than that set last year, but as there is little work to renewing the contracts it was felt that first payments would be speeded up and the best interests of all be served.

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by completing the campaign promptly.

As now organized the review board consists of N. E. Dodd, Baker county rancher, chairman; C. J. Borum, successor to John S. Denner, representing the bureau of crop and livestock estimates; and Wm. L. Teutsch, assistant county agent leader, representing the O. S. C. extension service.

Farmers who understand the 1935 contracts are signing up nearly 100 per cent, according to reports to the extension service by those assisting with field meetings. In a series of meetings in central and southern Oregon every grower attending signed up again with the exception of one.

Considerable misunderstanding concerning the new provision exists and is keeping many away from the sign-up meetings, reports indicate. Many believe that further reduction below the number of hogs produced for market in 1934 is required in the new contracts, when just the opposite is true.

The 1935 contracts really call for "controlled expansion" as the grower may produce 15 per cent more of his established hog base than was allowed last year. In other words he is permitted to produce and market up to 80 per cent of his base instead of 75 per cent.

Furthermore, because of excessively low production in some counties last year, some growers could double their hog production of last year and still stay within the contract limits and collect the benefit payments at the rate of \$15 per head for the number represented by the 10 per cent reduction.

Other liberal features this year include permission to purchase and raise as many feeder pigs as desired, removal of limit on total crop

acreage or livestock numbers, and in the case of corn contracts, permission to grow anything but corn on the contracted or "shifted" acres.

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS. Notice is hereby given that all dogs over the age of nine months must be licensed. The fee is \$1.00 for males and \$2.00 for females. If not paid before March 1st the fee is doubled. Failure to get a license is punishable by a fine of \$10.00. C. J. D. BAUMAN, Sheriff of Morrow County, Oregon.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS. If the water users in Morrow county desire to save the expense of water administration they should cooperate to the fullest extent with each other to see that the Deeded Rights are not infringed upon. To do this each water user should make sure of his rights as to date and time of use and govern himself accordingly. Few of the deeded rights above Morgan on Willow creek are granted the use of irrigation water prior to the 1st of March while many of those who are allowed to use it are later in date than rights below so are barred from the use of water unless the stream

is feeding thro in sufficient amount to care for such prior rights. There will probably be water for the upper reaches of the streams during the latter part of March and in April and early freshets should be allowed to pass down at least to Lone unless they are of large flow when all should use it to the best possible extent as the watershed is short of water storage at this time. J. M. SPENCER, Watermaster. Approved by the County Court.

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