

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Gambling Legality.
New Pension Plan.
Drowth Hay.

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Salem.—The legality of marble boards, pin-ball machines and motion picture theater "bank nights" will be argued before the state supreme court this fall.

Whether the coin machines are games of skill and lawful amusement devices or gambling paraphernalia will have to be determined by the state's highest tribunal. And whether "bank night" is within the law or beyond the pale as a lottery will also have to be settled.

The decision will be state-wide in scope. Either the marble machines, which are reputed to have a "take" of \$4,000,000 per year, will continue to operate or they will go.

Ralph E. Moody, assistant state attorney-general and special prosecutor of gambling and vice cases in Marion county, started the questions on their way through the courts. After stopping the operation of the machines in Salem, convicting a Salem policeman of bribery and unsuccessfully trying the city's chief of police twice for alleged negligence in failing to prosecute known gamblers, Moody suddenly ordered Sheriff A. C. Burk of Marion county to stop the operation of all marble boards, pin-ball games and "bank nights" within five days.

On the last day of grace, attorneys obtained temporary restraining orders preventing state or county officials from seizing or destroying the machines at least until Sept. 17, when arguments on a permanent injunction will be heard.

A new old age pension plan has taken its place in Oregon's political affairs.

Organized Voting Power, Inc., is the name of the group which filed articles of incorporation with Charles H. Carey, state corporation commissioner. Its goal will be an organization—membership fee, \$1 per year—to work for this pension plan.

A check for \$75 per month for every citizen over 50 years of age, and all unemployables, blind, crippled and physically-handicapped persons no matter what their age; \$25 per month for each dependent.

A two per cent transactions tax on all business to raise the revenue, which the pension sponsors propose to have collected by the federal bureau of internal revenue, and deposited in the U. S. treasury and disbursed by the U. S. veterans administration. R. V. Stroup, C. H. Allen, E. E. Grafinger, A. W. Banks and Richard Deich, all of Portland, formed the organization.

Whether an initiative bill to prohibit Columbia river fishing with traps and seines will get on the November general election ballot is another question before the local courts.

A temporary restraining order has been issued against Secretary of State Snell, and arguments will be heard Sept. 4 for a permanent injunction. William H. Trindle, Marion county district attorney, appeared as plaintiff in the action, alleging he had reason to believe many supposed signatures of voters on the petitions were paid for in violation of law, it was charged and circulators made false affidavits as to signatures.

Oregon farmers may sell 50,000 tons of surplus hay to the drought regions of the mid-west. Five railroads agreed to set up an emergency freight rate of \$8 per ton—the regular carrying charge is \$13.20—after they had been bombarded for two weeks by state and federal officials.

Governor Martin, Solon T. White, state director of agriculture; Frank C. McCulloch, public utilities commissioner; Ray W. Gill, master of the state grange; George W. Potts, president of the Oregon Farmers Union; F. L. Ballard, Oregon State college; Mabel Irwin, secretary of the Farm Rate council; W. L. Goslin, the governor's private secretary; Senators Charles L. McNary and Frederick Steiwer and Rep. James Mott were all raining telegrams on the railroad presidents before they gave in.

The legislature's interim commission on governmental and administrative reorganization is keeping

busy studying a plan nearly as long as its name.

Creation of a state department of business regulation by consolidating the banking, insurance and corporation departments is being considered for recommendation to the January, 1937, legislature. Some other changes under consideration are: transfer from the state treasurer to the tax commission of responsibility for collection of the inheritance and gift taxes, transfer from the land board to the tax commission of the handling of escheated estates, placing of all purchasing power under the budget director instead of the secretary of the board of control.

The state penitentiary is crowded to capacity with 1000 prisoners. Not all are in the main cell blocks, of course, but never before in history have so many convicts been in confinement.

An even 14,000 persons have "done time" in the penitentiary since it was established by the territory of Oregon in 1851. The prison was built in Portland, but moved to Salem in 1866. By a strange coincidence, both convicts No. 1 and No. 14,000 were from Marion county and committed the same crime, larceny. First inmate was Indian Charley, No. 14,000 is Joseph Gigger.

Four new railroad construction projects are being considered in Oregon. Public Utilities Commissioner McCulloch and Governor Martin revealed.

The city of Grants Pass, whose unique charter permits it to own and operate a railroad, and Crescent City, Calif., harbor district have already applied to the interstate commerce commission for permission to extend the California-Oregon Coast railroad from its present terminus at Water Creek, Ore., to Crescent City, Calif.

The \$1.2 miles of construction would cost \$7,380,711, with nearly half the money coming as a grant from the federal works progress administration and \$3,750,000 as a loan from the reconstruction finance corporation.

The I. C. C. has already approved construction of the 90-mile Gold Coast railroad from Port Orford to Leland, 20 miles north of Grants Pass. Talk of a cross-state line from Burns to the coast via Klamath Falls has been revived. The war department, too, is talking of completing a link between Humboldt Bay, Calif., and Coos Bay to give complete railroad connection from San Francisco to the mouth of the Columbia river. The line would allow the rapid movement of railroad artillery in coast defense.

The state highway department and A. R. Hollingshed, of Harper, tiny Malheur county town, are at war.

Hollingshed notified the department he was going to put a toll gate across a section of the Central Oregon highway because he was not paid for the right-of-way taken by the road across his property. The state said the county would have to pay. But if the toll gate goes up, the state will have to go to court to tear it down.

The state insurance department's business is better than ever, according to Commissioner Hugh H. Earle. Collections of company and agents' license fees and taxes on net premiums will be nearly \$750,000 this year—\$40,000 more than came in last year—Earle said.

Governor Martin declined to aid a man in West Los Angeles in finding a wife. But Private Secretary W. L. Goslin would. He sent the Romeo two letters from women in Salem and Baker who seemed interested in the mail-order proposal.

BOARDMAN

By LA VERN BAKER

Thomas Dillon and family of Pueblo, Col., have moved into the Chas. Goodwin house. They intend to stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Root visited at the home of E. Root in Umatilla Sunday.

Mrs. Guy Barlow and Chloe returned home Tuesday after a visit in Seattle with Mrs. Barlow's mother.

Mrs. Bill Considine is leaving on Thursday for a short visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ranney and Mr. Ranney's mother were dinner guests Sunday at the Ash home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kruse visited Sunday at the home of Don Potter

New Fabrics Feature Fall Fashions



NEW YORK.—Above are two smart Fall outfits which are being featured in fashion parades now under way here. At the left is a cape ensemble of a soft knitted wool mixture with tiny raised flaps in white and light gray on a darker gray hairy surfaced ground. Right, seated, a model box jacketed suit of dark green tweed flecked with red. The skirt is gracefully flared.

at Condon. They also visited Harry Palmer at Olex. Upon their arrival home they found Mr. and Mrs. John Neubert and children and Mr. Neubert's sister of Grand Island, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. Neubert are cousins of the Kruses.

Elizabeth, Helen and Fred Slanger left Sunday for a week's vacation. Dallas Wilson of La Grande was a business visitor here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Peck and daughters returned Sunday from Yakima. They reorted Mrs. Uthe doing fine after her operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Morgan of Cascade Locks spent the week end at the Weston home.

Virginia Compton returned home Sunday after spending several weeks with her mother in California.

Frank M. Jones and sons of Kinzua visited last week at the C. W. Kruse home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnon Hug are the parents of a baby girl born August 11. Baby and mother are at home.

Miss Maxine Ballinger visited friends here Monday afternoon.

Otto Seifert of Cheney, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Ben Browning and children and Albert Weathers and son were Friday night visitors at the home of their aunt, Mrs. C. W. Kruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Zoll and children were week-end visitors in Portland.

Mrs. Gorham, Marcell Gorham, Mrs. Fortier and Norma Gibbons left Monday for a week's vacation at Seaside.

Mrs. Clifford Christopherson of Portland left for her home Sunday after visiting here for a short time with her mother, Mrs. Harry Jaynes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Messenger, Lois, and Mrs. Frank Hammel spent Thursday in Walla Walla attending the centennial held there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Goodrich of New Plymouth, Idaho, stopped on their way to Portland and visited Mrs. Goodrich's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Blayden.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Cable visited at the Downs home last week.

Nadine Rice and her two aunts visited here Tuesday afternoon.

J. M. Allen is now employed as mechanic at Partlow's service station. Mr. Zoll is going into business for himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Doney and Vernon Russell made a trip to Portland to bring their baby girl home from the hospital. The baby is reported doing fine.

A chicken dinner was enjoyed at the Souders home last Sunday. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. F. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cramer and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Blayden.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Wilson visited friends and relatives here over the week end.

Mrs. N. A. Macomber will have charge of the school cafeteria this year.

Clara Mae Dillon has gone to Seattle for a short vacation, visiting her sister, Nellie Dillon.

M. Souders and Mr. Tannehill were business visitors in Hermiston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thorp were business visitors in Walla Walla Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. Messenger of Portland spent the week end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Messenger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barlow attended the circus in Heppner last week where they saw Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ingles. Mr. and Mrs. Ingles were going to California for a short vacation before school starts.

Harlan Lundell and Warren Dillon went on a fishing trip on the Deschutes river.

Bert Bates of Portland visited at the Frank Cramer home last week.

The Gillespie family are out from quarantine now. They have been quarantined for several weeks with scarlet fever.

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Roy Wolfe was in Boardman Monday. He is moving to Wallula. Mrs. Wolfe stopped in The Dalles to visit with their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jaynes have left for Canada where they intend to make a visit.

Oregon Farm Price Level Soars Upward 20 Percent

Coming out of the April-May 6 percent tailspin, the general Oregon farm price level has soared upward approximately 20 percent during the last three months, as the great drought of 1936 spread over agricultural areas east of the Rockies, says L. R. Breithaupt, agricultural extension economist at Oregon State college.

"The drought situation so far has registered favorably for Oregon producers of eggs, butterfat, wheat, oats, barley, potatoes and several other commodities," Breithaupt says. "Hop prices have advanced more than any other commodity, helping to boost the Oregon farm price index, owing to unfavorable growing conditions for hops in Oregon, Washington and California—not because of the drought."

That the immediate effect of the drought on prices will not be favorable in respect to all Oregon farm products is evident, however, both from the record of price trends during the past few weeks and from information given in the latest monthly review of the agricultural situation and outlook prepared by Mr. Breithaupt. Meat supplies on the markets, especially unfinished stock, are likely to be increased through forced sales during the next few months, although the 1937 market outlook for practically all animal products will be strengthening.

The current, or August issue of the monthly report on agricultural conditions gives special consideration to the problem trend of prices for eggs, dairy products, beef, hogs, lambs, wool and wheat. According to the analysis, prospective supply and demand conditions are quite favorable in respect to dairy products and hogs, especially. The number of milk cows in relation to the population of the United States is showing a moderate downward trend, while consumer demand has been strengthening. These two factors account for most of the changes in the trend of Oregon butterfat prices from year to year, according to data in the published report.

AAA Livestock Program May be Completed Soon

Early formation of a concrete plan for livestock producers of the western states to cooperate under the agricultural conservation program appears certain as stockmen at state meetings throughout the west voiced approval of such action.

Oregon stockmen at the state conference at Pendleton not only urged completion of a detailed program but provided definite assistance in formulating detailed practices of range improvement that might qualify for benefit payments under the act.

As a result of action at the meeting a committee of active stockmen representing various parts of the state and interests involved has been appointed to work with representatives of Oregon State college in working out specific proposals.

This favorable action was taken only after those at the meeting had been positively assured by D. C. Mumford and other federal AAA representatives that the proposed program would be a range improvement and not a livestock reduction program.

Principles he laid down at the outset were that it would not be based on more reduction of livestock numbers; that the AAA is not interested in shifting the livestock industry from the west to farther east, nor in increasing range for wild life to the detriment of livestock, and that it is not tied up in any way with past or future processing tax proposals.

Tentative range improving prac-

tices suggested by stockmen for possible inclusion are water development, including water spreading and water hole and well improvement; rodent control, fencing for grazing control, alternate and deferred grazing, and range reseeding.

RHEA CREEK

Rhea Creek Home Economics club will meet at the hall Thursday, August 27 in the afternoon. All

members are urged to be present, and each one is requested to bring a tea towel.

Mrs. Walter Becket is visiting relatives in Portland this week.

Successful huckleberry pickers from this section are Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Wright and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Akers, the latter making the trip to Mt. Adams.

Rose and Mary Bethke are visiting their father in Portland this week.

Mrs. Ray Wright is improving after a recent illness.

Among visitors at the county agent's office Friday were Florence Dalzell of Dry Fork and Mrs. A. W. Bowker of Alpine.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the kind assistance, sympathy, and floral tributes of all of our friends in our bereavement.

- Otha C. Stephens, Joe Stephens, Edna Stephens, Laura Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rue, Mr. and Mrs. O. Gillenwater and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Rue and family, Miss Cora Mae Rue, L. Art Stephens.

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Drought Cattle Invade Capitol Grounds



BISMARCK, N. D. — Hungry cattle whose rangelands are now barren dust-covered plains, finally invaded the North Dakota state capital grounds here last week, nibbling at such sparse grasses as had survived the scorching heat which gripped this state for weeks.