

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Pension Upset
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SALEM.—Approval of senate bill 43 of the 1935 special session by the voters at the November election would, in the opinion of state officials who are familiar with its provisions, completely demoralize the state's old age pension set-up.

Among other things the measure diverts the \$1,000,000 appropriation for old age pensions—or such portion as remains unexpended—to general relief purposes. At the same time it diverts county tax levies for old age pensions to general relief purposes.

Other provisions in the measure such as the reduction of the age of the pension beneficiaries to 65 years and provisions necessary to make the state law conform to the federal act, it is explained, can be enacted by the legislative session which meets in January without exposing the present set-up to the danger involved in stripping the old age pension fund bare of all available finances.

The cash float in the state treasury as of September 30 exceeded \$12,500,000 according to a statement by State Treasurer Rufus Holman. The amount included approximately \$6,250,000 in the general fund and approximately \$1,500,000 of highway funds.

The World War Veterans State Aid commission sold 89 properties during September for prices aggregating \$201,476.22 to set a new high record, according to Jerrold Owen, secretary to the commission.

Governor Martin has issued a call for a wild life conference to be held at the State college in Corvallis November 19 and 20. All individuals and organizations interested in husbanding and developing Oregon's wild life resources, are urged by the governor to attend or send a representative.

Harriet C. Long, state librarian rushed to the aid of stricken Bandon with an emergency library, selecting 500 volumes from the state library and carting them to Bandon at her own expense.

Tentative budget requirements of the state's numerous departments, institutions, boards and commissions for the biennium of 1937-38 as reported to Budget Director Wharton exceed \$21,300,000, it was revealed by Governor Martin this week.

Major items in the budget include \$3,600,000 for the state's share of assistance to the poor; \$2,381,400 as the state's share of old age pensions; \$5,054,420.92 for the 11 state institutions; \$5,218,850 for higher education of which \$1,322,048 represents a supplemental appropriation in addition to the regular millage revenues; \$310,000 for orphans and foundlings; and \$60,000 for the care of wayward girls.

State revenues from taxes and miscellaneous revenues within the constitutional limitation for the biennium are estimated by the tax commission at approximately \$13,000,000. Liquor profits, now being used to finance assistance to the poor, are estimated at \$3,600,000 for the two year period.

In addition to the budgeted activities included in the \$21,300,000 figure provision must also be made for paying off \$916,667 on the cost of the new capitol out of tax levies during the next two years, increasing the estimated financial needs to more than \$22,200,000.

Governor Martin in announcing the total of the budget requests also took a firm stand against any increase in the tax load or any new bond issues and declared that the state must be operated on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Oregon's 14 port districts reduced their debt load by more than \$616,000 during the past two years, cutting it from \$7,721,585.55 as of July 1, 1934, to \$7,105,569.99 as of July 1, 1936, according to a report compiled by State Treasurer Holman.

debt, either bond or warrant. The port of The Dalles which was in the debtless class two years ago has since floated a bond issue of \$200,000. The port of Coos Bay with a debt load of \$648,975.72, is one of three port districts whose debt ratio exceeds five percent of the district's assessed valuation.

Motorists who plaster their windshields with political stickers are violating the law according to Secretary of State Snell who calls attention to the fact that stickers of any kind are prohibited, not only on the windshield but on the side and rear windows of automobiles.

Oregon policy holders in the General American Life Insurance company will be interested in the report brought back from St. Louis by Hugh H. Earle, state insurance commissioner, to the effect that the company is making a reduction of 2 1/2 percent in the liens placed against all policies of the old Missouri State Life Insurance company when that company, finding itself in serious financial straits a few years ago, was reorganizing under the new name and management.

High school principals of the state meeting here in their annual conference Saturday elected Thomas Fowler of Tigard as president for the coming year; Paul R. McCulloch of The Dalles, vice president, and Charles A. Fry of Portland, member of the board of directors. R. W. Taverner of Salem was retained as secretary-treasurer.

Observance of Navy Day on Tuesday, October 27, was urged this week by Governor Martin in an open letter to the public.

- Roosevelt, McNary
• Liquor Money
• More Road Aid

SALEM.—With the national election less than three weeks in the future Oregon voters are expected to cast partisanship to the winds as they go to the polls on November 3 to give a substantial vote of confidence for Franklin Delano Roosevelt, democratic candidate for president and Charles L. McNary, republican candidate for United States senator.

Insouciant claims of the professional ballyhoosers who continue to rant and rave in behalf of their respective candidates can now be pretty safely predicted that Oregon will line up in the Democratic column in the national contest for the presidency while at the same time, inconsistent as it may appear, the state will return its senior senator—a republican—to another term in the national law making body.

Conservative republicans whose survey of the situation leads them to concede Roosevelt's victory over Landon in Oregon still contend that the race will be a close one and by no means the landslide by which the state went Democratic in 1932 when it gave Roosevelt a plurality of more than 77,000 over Herbert Hoover. Democrats, on the other hand, insist that the Roosevelt majority this year will be as large if not larger than that of four years ago.

McNary is not expected to experience any difficulty in defeating Willis Mahoney, the Democratic candidate for the United States senatorship. Thousands of conservative Democrats are refusing to support their party's nominee on the ground that he forfeited all right to party support when he bolted the party two years ago after his defeat for the gubernatorial nomination and took the stump for the Republican nominee.

In the Congressional race it is pretty generally conceded that Jas. W. Mott, republican, will show a clean pair of heels to his Democratic opponent, E. W. Kirkpatrick, in the first Oregon district while Walter M. Pierce, Democrat, is expected to be returned for another term in Washington over Roy M. Ritner, republican. In the third district picking the winner is a little more complicated with the presence of John A. Jeffrey, independent Townsendsite, admittedly detracting from the strength of Nanny Wood Honoyman, democrat, and, by the same token, aiding the cause of William A. Ekwall, republican incumbent.

Rufus C. Holman, republican, is conceded to have a walk-away in his race against U. S. Burt, democrat, for re-election as state treasurer but the contest between I. H. VanWinkle, republican, and Alfred P. Dobson, democrat, for attorney general is expected to develop into a real race with Dobson, encouraged by his near victory of four years ago, making an aggressive campaign and counting on the substantial increase in Democratic registrations to put him over this time.

In an effort to secure a court interpretation of lotteries as contemplated by the Oregon constitution both the defense and prosecution in the Marshfield dart game case have asked the state supreme court for

a rehearing of the appeal. In its recent opinion the court merely held dart games to be lotteries and a violation of the state constitution without attempting to define lotteries although two members of the court, in a specially concurring opinion defined lotteries as any game in which chance was the predominating factor, regardless of the fact that it might also involve an element of skill or knowledge.

Distribution of \$45,305.94 in liquor revenues was completed this week by Secretary of State Snell. The distribution represented the quarterly taxes imposed on manufacturers and importing distributors of malt and alcoholic beverages and was made upon a population basis. Each of the 36 counties and 192 incorporated towns participated in the distribution. Morrow county's share in the distribution amounted to \$151.43. Heppner received \$56.63; Boardman, \$4.75; Ione, \$13.44; Lexington, \$8.55.

One hundred and seventy-five Oregon high school principals are expected to attend the annual conference to be held here Friday and Saturday of this week under the joint sponsorship of the high school principals' association and the state department of education. Clyde H. Beard, principal of the Roseburg high school, will preside.

Start of construction work on Oregon's new \$2,500,000 capitol shortly after the first of December seems to be assured with the announcement by the capitol commission that it will open bids and award the contract on November 20. Excavation work for the building has already been completed.

With three months yet to go registration of foreign automobiles in Oregon are already 20 percent above those for 1935 according to figures released by Secretary of State Snell. For the nine months ending September 30 a total of 120,434 automobiles visited the state compared to 100,303 for the entire 12 months of 1935. California contrib-

uted more than 50 percent of the tourists.

Detailed plans for a proposed state department of geology and mineral industries are contained in a report filed with Governor Martin this week by the state planning board. The plan includes an appointive governing board, a mining branch and a geological branch. It is expected that the plan will be incorporated in a bill to be presented to the forthcoming legislative session under sponsorship of the state administration.

LANDON ON RELIEF

I am dedicated to the proposition that henceforth no American citizen shall ever again be put in the position where he has to sell his vote for bread.

Money intended for the relief of human suffering is being diverted to the building up of a shameless political machine. No professions of warm humanity can hide this fact.

After three years it must be obvious to everyone that waste and extravagance do not make jobs. Cracking down on business and arousing class hatreds do not restore employment.

The way to recovery is for the government to stop trying to run the lives of 130,000,000 people. If the government will do this, if it will give American initiative a chance, eleven million men and women will not long be looking vainly for relief.

It is not a question of how much the unemployed are getting; it is a question of how much their political exploiters are taking.

Everybody knows there is too much politics in relief. This has become a national scandal. The evidence of this playing of politics has been supported by documented and sworn testimony, published in



The State Power Bill DOES Mean \$18,000,000 in Bonds!

Don't be misled by statements, however sincere, that the proposed State Power Bill doesn't mean more bonds on Oregon property. The State Power Bill is the first step in issuing \$18,000,000 of NEW bonds—possibly \$54,000,000 of bonds, if the legislature says so. The State Power Bill will be useless without bond money to build a gigantic experiment. A vote for the State Power Bill is thrown away unless Oregon taxpayers approve \$18,000,000 of bonds at a later election. Don't be misled! Uncle Sam won't let Bonneville power lie idle. He hasn't asked Oregon to bond itself. Is there any reason to believe that he won't handle Bonneville power, as he has marketed power elsewhere? Uncle Sam is still on this job.

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The New Deal Reciprocal Trade Agreements have taken the American farmer OUT of the foreign market and put the foreign farmer in the American market!

In the first six months of 1936 we bought from foreign countries:

- 6,536,000 Hogs and exported only 101
280,103 Cattle and exported only 1,528
4,680,000 lbs. of Butter and exported only 454,000
5,662,000 bushels Corn and exported only 355,000
19,806,000 bushels Wheat and exported only 146,000 bushels

A report of the Department of Agriculture dated October 12, 1936, shows the following increases in imports for 1936 as compared with 1935:

- Butter 693.9% Canned Beef 55.7%
Wool 173.6% Wheat . . . 144.9%

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS pledged TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN FARMER!

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Farm Meetings, Prunes, Ranges Make AAA News

The ideas of Oregon farmers as to improving the present agricultural conservation program for next year will be carried to regional officials of the AAA by representatives of the Oregon State college extension service on October 14. On that date a special district meeting at Pocatello, Idaho, is being held when the summaries of suggestions will be received.

Sources of these suggestions are individuals and groups of Oregon farmers given opportunity to express their own ideas in a series of 32 county meetings held the week of September 28 to October 3. Every effort is being made by the state committee, the extension service and the regional officials to make next year's program even better adapted to the local needs of each state and district than was the case this year, according to those in charge of the program.

Immediate purchase of 3000 tons of Pacific coast standard prunes, in addition to the 5000 tons of sub-standard prunes to be handled thru a diversion program, has been authorized by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. Of the new purchase,

2400 tons will be bought in California and 600 tons in the Pacific northwest.

The purchases will be made from packers who agree to buy an equal quantity of unprocessed 1936 crop prunes from growers "at prices not less than a 3 1/2 cent basis." These standard prunes will be distributed to families on relief rolls and will thus be removed from normal trade channels, according to AAA announcement. The 5000 tons of sub-standard prunes to be purchased will be diverted to by-products or export trade.

These two steps have been taken by the AAA at the request of prune growers who say that they will do much to stabilize the prune market this year.

A meeting of the Range Livestock Advisory committee has been called for Pendleton on Friday, October 2, by F. L. Ballard, vice-director in charge of extension at O. S. C. All proposals for range conservation practices under the AAA will be submitted to this advisory committee for their recommendations, and further suggestions, if any, will be obtained from them. With approval already given for carrying out a range program on private lands during the remaining three months of 1936, it is hoped that early approval of specific practices can also be obtained.

Large advertisement for 'TAX RAIDS ON HOMES & FARMS' with various headlines like '100 Per MORE! Budget boost Irks Governor', 'TAXPAYERS TURN FIRE ON BUDGET', 'MARTIN RAPS EXTRAVAGANT EXPENDITURES', 'COUNTY BUDGET SHOWS INCREASE', '1936 CITY BUDGET \$1,567,167 HIGHER', and 'VOTE TO LIMIT PROPERTY TAXES 310 X YES'.

Advertisement for 'REMINGTON Portable Typewriter' featuring a portrait of a man and text: 'HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW REMINGTON Portable Typewriter AT THE OFFICE OF THE GAZETTE TIMES? See this modern Portable Typewriter NOW. \$49.50 Easy terms if you wish. Heppner Gazette Times'.