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## STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- No State Levy
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- Pensions

By A. L. LINDBECK

SALEM—As was predicted in this column several weeks ago there will be no tax levy against property for state purposes next year. Formal announcement of the state levy was made by the tax commission Saturday.

Waiver of the property levy, however, was not due to any decrease in state expenditures but was brought about entirely by the increase in revenues from income taxes. On the contrary the levy takes advantage of the full six percent increase allowed by the state constitution in order to provide for growing costs of state government. In calling attention to this situation the tax commission warned that if the business recession continues, augmented in this state by labor controversies which have shut down many of the larger industries, it may be necessary to resort to a property levy again in 1939.

This is the second time in the history of the state that it has been possible to waive the state property levy both within and without the six percent levy, thanks to the income tax, the former occasion being in 1932.

Technically, of course, there is still a small state levy against property. That is found in the levy for elementary school purposes which is included in the state levy but which, for all practical purposes, is in reality a county levy inasmuch as the revenue from this levy is retained in the counties in which it is raised and never goes through the hands of state officials.

In an effort to keep within a safe margin in their estimate of state revenues for 1938 the tax commission has placed collections from income taxes for that year at \$4,337,704.67 which is approximately \$1,000,000 below actual collections for the current year. In thus reducing their estimate on income tax revenues, the tax commission explained, they were prompted by fears that 1937 income upon which next year's taxes will be based have suffered serious shrinkage principally due to labor troubles which have closed down many of the larger saw mills and allied operations.

Reports reaching Salem from apparently authentic sources indicate that plans are now under way in Portland to submit to the voters an initiative measure for repeal of the milk control act. Autocratic powers contained in the act giving the control board the right to fix the price of milk as well as the fact that the

act virtually closes the door against any new distributor entering the Oregon field, are said to be the principal objections to the measure which has been the center of bitter fights in the past two legislative sessions.

Albert R. Hunter, chairman of the State Industrial Accident commission, is resigning his position due to ill health according to reports about the capitol. These reports indicate that while Hunter will give up his place on the commission proper he will be retained in the organization in a minor capacity. Hunter who was appointed to the commission by Governor Meier was formerly a resident of Union county.

Plans for the erection of a new fish hatchery on Foster creek, tributary of Rogue River, in Curry county, were announced here this week by Governor Martin. The hatchery, it was explained, will be erected by the State Fish commission and will be devoted to the propagation of salmon.

Thirteen thousand pounds of Oregon flax twine will be used by Uncle Sam's navy next year. The huge order was placed with a Salem mill this week due to the influence of Governor Martin and Senator McNary with the navy department.

In the opinion of many political observers the political future of Governor Martin is definitely bound up in the labor controversy now raging in Portland. Not that the governor has stepped into the Portland situation with any thought of bolstering up his political fortunes. No one will question his sincerity in desiring the immediate restoration of harmony among the warring labor factions so that the wheels of industry may again begin turning and thousands of idle workmen returned to gainful employment.

But now that he is in the picture, and upon his own insistence, the outcome of his overtures will unquestionably have a very decided bearing upon his candidacy should he seek a second term as governor as is now generally believed that he will. Such strength as the governor now possesses—which by many is believed to be considerable—is largely concentrated in the so-called conservative element of the state's voting population. This strength is based largely upon his out-spoken criticism and courageous attack of public problems. Should he succeed in bringing the warring labor factions together, especially now that the National Labor Relations Board has admitted its failure in this regard, it will not only consolidate the gov-

ernor's following but will attract to him thousands of wavering voters, including a large block of organized labor especially among the rank and file who are pretty well fed up with the constant wrangling of their organization heads and are ready to follow any leader who proves himself strong enough to restore them to their jobs.

Speaking of the governorship it now appears that Warren Erwin, encouraged by his success in the recent fight for the presidency of the Oregon Jackson club, now has designs on the state's highest office. Edwin, report has it, might be content with the democratic nomination for secretary of state, should Howard Latourette insist upon a go at the governorship.

Prompt to recognize the absurdity of their original proposal to pension all aged persons in the state regardless of need, the Oregon Merchants' Legislative League this week filed a substitute and materially modified initiative petition with Secretary of State Snell. The substitute petition seeks primarily to legalize and license certain forms of gambling, including punch boards, pin ball games, horse and dog races, etc. Revenues from these gambling licenses—estimated by a "League" spokesman as approximately \$3,000,000 a year, would go toward the support of pensions for the aged under any plan that might be adopted by the legislature.

Filing of pension applications by needy aged in the 65-70-year group is now under way in every county of the state. Early filing of applications by the new beneficiaries made eligible to pensions under the act of the last legislature was urged by Governor Martin in a letter to the state and county relief committees last week. Pensions for the new age group will date from January 1 but will not be payable until the last of the month. It is estimated that lowering of the age for pension beneficiaries will increase Oregon's pension load by approximately 60 percent, the state and counties sharing equally in this increase.

Population of the state's 11 institutions show an increase of 175 during the past year. Seven of the 11 institutions record population gains. These include the state hospital for insane at Salem, penitentiary, and the home for feeble minded. Four state institutions record a loss in population during the year.

Governor Martin has issued a call for a meeting of all persons interested in the conservation of Oregon's

wild life. The meeting will be held on the State College campus at Corvallis, December 8 and 9.

### IN THE GAY LIGHTS



"Ever go sparking with the girls?"  
 "And get burnt!"

### AIR-MINDED



Mr. Turtle—What in the world are you doing?  
 Mr. Snake—I'm going to be an aviator an' I'm practicing the tail spin.

Cinnamon trees once grew in what is now Texas, millions of years ago, when there were dinosaurs to brouse on their leaves?

A ton of sugar will yield approximately 100 pounds of raw sugar and three gallons of rum?

# Dance

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## Resting the Lung by Injecting Air



This patient is receiving pneumothorax treatment for tuberculosis, a painless method used widely in this country since 1912. Pneumo means air and thorax refers to the chest, and the procedure is to inject a gas into the space between the chest wall and outer surface of the lung. By this process the infected lung is put to rest, thereby restricting respiration to the healthy lung. When tuberculosis is discovered in its early stages pneumothorax treat-

ment can save thousands of lives. Many men and women today are back at work, healthy and useful, because they can go to their doctors periodically and receive "refills" of air. Pneumothorax is one of the modern weapons advocated by the National Tuberculosis Association and its 2,000 affiliated state and local associations. Their educational campaign is financed by Christmas Seals sold between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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