

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

● Thirteen Measures ● New Hospital ● Capitol Occupied

By A. L. LINDBECK

SALEM—Thirteen measures will be on the state ballot next November. Four of the number are measures that were referred to the voters by the last legislature. Two others are enactments of the last session which have been referred by petition of the people. The other seven are initiative measures. Three of these made the grade during the closing hours of filing last Thursday.

The list of initiative measures on which the voters will be expected to pass judgment follows:

Stream Purification bill, creating state sanitary authority and committing state to a policy of stream purification; sponsored by Stream Purification League of Oregon.

Anti-picketing and anti-boycott bill, defining labor disputes and regulating picketing and labor boycotts; sponsored by Associated Farmers of Oregon and other agricultural groups.

Columbia River Fishing bill, prohibiting the use of fixed fishing gear on the Columbia river; sponsored by Oregon Wildlife Council.

Anti-liquor bill, regulating and restricting sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes; sponsored by Anti-Liquor League of Oregon and affiliated groups.

Gambling bill, legalizing certain forms of lottery and gambling; sponsored by Frank B. Watson and a group of Oregon merchants.

Townsend Recovery Plan bill, requiring Oregon legislature to petition Congress to call national convention to sponsor a constitutional amendment embodying principles and philosophies of Townsend Recovery plan; sponsored by Glen C. Wade and others.

Citizens' Retirement plan, providing for transactions tax of two percent, proceeds to be pro rated among Oregon citizens 65 years of age or over upon condition that they cease gainful employment. Sponsored by Elbert Eastman, Portland.

Construction of a third state tuberculosis hospital to be located in Multnomah county is now practically assured with word from Washington that the Public Works administration has approved a grant of \$90,000,000 for the project.

Location of a hospital in Multnomah county was authorized by the voters at a special election in May, 1934, but no money was available for the project until the last legislature appropriated \$110,000 contingent upon a federal grant of \$90,000 which has just been approved.

Plans for the new institution which will consist of a hospital building with beds for 75 patients, have already been drafted and the Board of Control has announced its readiness to award the contract as soon as details in connection with the federal grant have been completed.

The State Planning Board spent nearly \$236,000 in the 21 month period from July 1, 1936, to March 31, 1938, according to a report of the audit division of the State department. Of this total, however, only \$38,000 came out of state funds and a little more than \$6,000 out of the several counties. The remainder was financed through federal funds.

All three members of the State Board of Control—Governor Charles H. Martin, State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman and Secretary of State Earl Snell—were in The Dalles Saturday to help celebrate the opening of the new inland seaport.

Oregon's new \$2,500,000 capitol is now fully occupied—that is as fully as it will probably ever be except during legislative sessions.

Secretary of State Snell started moving his office force into the new quarters last Wednesday and completed the transfer Friday. The State department, including the motor registration division, occupies the entire basement and first floor of the east wing of the building.

State Treasurer Holman also moved into the building last week as also did the State Land Board.

Governor Martin deferred moving

until this week as also did the State Purchasing department, including the Property Control division and the Budget department.

While all of the state officials continue to praise the beauty of the new structure a number of weaknesses in the more practical side of the building have already developed to dampen the enthusiasm of those quartered in the new capitol. For instance while the designer was careful to provide private shower baths, lavatories and elevators for some of the higher officials no cloak rooms were provided for the convenience of the small army of employees who do the work of the state. Janitors are also complaining that the builder skimped so much on their store rooms that there is barely room enough for their necessary equipment. None of the doors in the treasury department being large enough to admit an office safe, State Treasurer Holman found it necessary to import a safe moving crew from Portland to boost that heavy piece of equipment through one of his windows.

The new building was treated to a shower bath Friday afternoon when a valve in one of the tanks connected with the air-cooling system stuck, allowing the tank to overflow and send a shower of water cascading down from the roof to the floor of the rotunda. No serious damage resulted, however.

Earl A. Fehl, former county judge of Jackson county, has appealed to the state supreme court for release from the state hospital for insane to which he was committed several months ago by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton. Attorneys for Fehl told the court that the entire proceeding leading up to his commitment had been illegal.

Oregon's automobile license plates for 1939 will consist of black figures and letters on a yellow background. This will be the first departure from the black and white combination in several years. Secretary of State Snell explains that the black and yellow combination makes for better visibility, besides which it costs less money.

Budgeting days are here again for state officials. Forms on which to list their anticipated financial needs for the next biennium were sent to all department, bureau and institution heads by Budget Director Wallace this week. The forms, containing estimated needs and a tentative appropriation request, must be returned to the budget department by September 10, after which it will be subjected to careful scrutiny and possible pruning before it is included in the biennial budget to be presented to the next legislature.

PINE CITY NEWS

Neills Attend River Celebration

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill of Butter creek attended the celebration at The Dalles Saturday. Mr. Neill is a county commissioner.

Mrs. Mary Buseick and family are spending a few days at the A. E. Wattenburger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch and family and Burt Barnes spent Saturday evening at the Clayton Ayers home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers and family spent Sunday evening at the H. E. Young home.

OSC Honor Roll Shows 27 Perfect Records

Oregon State College—Twenty-seven students at Oregon State college made perfect grades during the spring term, and 207 others were listed on the honor roll as making 3.5, or almost perfect grades. Philip Ackerman of Corvallis, as a senior in pharmacy, made the perfect list for the sixth time, while Ray Siegenthaler of Portland made it for the fifth time.

Every school in the college except forestry was represented on the "straight A" or perfect list, engineering and home economics leading with four each. Eleven of these perfect students were seniors, eight were sophomores, three were juniors, three freshmen and two graduates.

● LOOKING ● FORWARD

By FRANKLYN WALTMAN,
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In his recent fireside chat President Roosevelt undertook to describe the attitude of the opposition to the New Deal on various questions. In doing so Mr. Roosevelt painted a false picture, attributing to those who oppose him attitudes not in accord with the record.

Only one of the President's points will be discussed here—that relating to the issue of monopoly. He is just as vulnerable on his other points as he is on that, for where can the President find a record to sustain his contention that the organized opposition to him has called for repeal of legislation providing old-age pensions, unemployment insurance or regulation of security trading?

Mr. Roosevelt said the school of thought opposing him proposed to "let monopolies thrive unchecked." Where is there evidence to prove that contention? Can it be found in the 1936 Republican platform?

G. O. P. Renounces Monopoly

No, it cannot, for that document denounced monopolies in ringing terms. Let me quote from the platform:

"A private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable. It menaces and, if continued, will utterly destroy constitutional government and the liberty of the citizen. We favor the vigorous enforcement of the criminal laws, as well as the civil laws, against monopolies and trusts and their officials, and we demand the enactment of such additional legislation as is necessary to make it impossible for private monopoly to exist in the United States.

"We will employ the full powers of the Government to the end that monopoly shall be eliminated and that free enterprise shall be fully restored and maintained."

There is a clear cut, unequivocal declaration of principle, and it constitutes the last word Republicans as a party have uttered on the subject of monopoly. But can the President point to evidence in the past history of the Republican party to indicate that this declaration constituted a thought of the eleventh hour?

End of Robber Barons

He cannot. It was a Republican Congress and a Republican President who in 1890 gave this country its first anti-monopoly legislation in the form of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Prior to 1890 there was no Federal legislation regulating industry and commerce. The Republicans acted in that year to put an end to the era of the robber barons in business—and they did.

Moreover, Republican Administrations undertook to enforce that law. The period of "trust busting" followed its enactment under the Administrations of McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and Taft. In that period the Standard Oil, American Sugar and American Tobacco trusts were laid low by action of the Federal Government.

Meantime, between 1890 and 1914 the Federal Bureau of Corporations, established in 1903 under Theodore Roosevelt, continued the study of monopolies, trusts and restraint of trade problems—studies which laid the foundation for the Federal Trade Commission and the Clayton Acts of 1914.

Stone Hit Hard

But it is not necessary to go so far back to demonstrate the Republicans have been vigilant against monopolies. In the two years and five months of the Harding Administration 48 civil and criminal actions were instituted under the Federal anti-trust laws. In the Coolidge Administration the number totaled 82—with the then Attorney-General Harlan F. Stone, now of the Supreme Court, striking hard. In the four years of the Hoover Administration 25 actions were instituted.

More recently was it not Senators William E. Borah and Gerald P. Nye, two Republicans, who battled against the monopolistic features of the N. R. A. and what that legislation was doing to the little business man?

Contrast this record with that of Mr. Roosevelt in respect to monopolies. The N. R. A. was Mr. Roosevelt's favorite piece of legislation—it not only encouraged monopoly, it

actually relaxed the anti-trust laws. It encouraged industry to do the very things for which Mr. Roosevelt and his ardent Solicitor-General now are denouncing them. When the Supreme Court set aside this act Mr. Roosevelt unloosed a tirade against that tribunal which culminated in his abortive attempt to pack the high Court.

Roosevelt Aided Monopoly

And was it not Mr. Roosevelt who signed the Robinson-Patman Act? Was it not Mr. Roosevelt who failed to veto the Tydings-Miller price-fixing rider? For four years Mr. Roosevelt encouraged monopolies and monopolistic practices as no previous President of this country ever has.

The truth of the matter is that until the New Deal fell into the pit of its own economic fallacies eight months ago, neither the President nor anyone else in the New Deal in a position to influence policies showed any sympathy whatever for restricting monopoly.

All of which leads to the conclusion that Mr. Roosevelt is far more interested in distracting public attention from the failure of his New Deal and his economic misdeeds than he is in breaking up monopoly.

Uniform Finance Told in U. O. Report

University of Oregon, Eugene, July 13—Uniformity of procedure for handling public funds by finance officers of the state, in accordance with legislation, is now possible since methods and proper forms are contained in a bulletin just issued by the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service of the University of Oregon.

Following preparation by the bureau staff, the bulletin and accompanying forms were thoroughly reviewed by representatives of the Oregon Finance Officers' association. All have concurred in the procedure set forth in the report, Herman Kehrli, director of the university bureau states.

Some procedural irregularities have arisen in the past due to a difference in interpretation of legislation between banks and treasurers, Mr. Kehrli points out. The report is expected to eliminate these irregularities.

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