

UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME

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Under the tall capitol dome surmounted by the statue of the pioneer who stands out in his new coat of gold leaf as prominently as a twenty dollar gold piece in a new dealer's hand—if such a thing can be imagined—Oregon's fortieth legislative assembly Monday organized and listened to speeches by the outgoing and incoming governors.

Room for spectators in the house chamber is limited and it was all used so many were there who wished to see the ceremonies attendant to the retirement of Charles Martin and the inauguration of Charles Sprague. Formal ceremonies and the fanfare of office taking have an attraction for the people of democracies, it seems, and one can perceive easily how humans must enjoy the trappings of royalty.

But of all the royalty since time immemorial few indeed have had the pleasure of meeting in a spot more elegant than is the new state capitol of Oregon. It is not perfect, of course, for it was designed and built by mere men, but it is a magnificent structure, imposing, despite the fact that it is in modern form, without the high dome that characterized capitol buildings for many generations.

The house chamber is high and done in dark wood of beautiful graining. The carpet has replicas of evergreen trees a foot and a half high in it; the desks are of sturdy oak; the chairs are upholstered in green leather—appropriate for the more youthful branch of the legislature.

The senate is convening in a smaller room and seats there are done in walnut; chairs are upholstered in brown, indicating, some have said, a deep brown study, and others a dark brown taste. The carpet there has a design alternating between a leaping salmon and sheaves of wheat—not a very productive looking strain, however.

In the center of the building the first thing to be seen by the incoming citizen is the seal of the state done in raised bronze. Around this high vestibule are murals showing the major industries of Oregon, livestock, dairying, etc. It is quite impressive and much finer than the old capitol and, of course, not in the same class as the old armory which had none of the dignity a state house should have and hardly any of the conveniences a legislative hall should have.

For those who enjoy seeing fine graining in building woods the capitol is a fine spot to spend a few hours. Choice of wood used in the building and furniture is excellent. It is a pleasure to see and run the hand over in appreciation.

Retiring Governor Martin gave a typical speech. Reading his speech compared to hearing him talk is like eating unseasoned food compared to salted and seasoned foods. He has the habit of dropping his paper to the desk and putting the spice in at the end of a paragraph and he made his retiring speech stronger by this means—and it was strong to begin with.

Sprague reviewed the things he is going to work for during his term in office, occasionally defining rather elaborately just what he stands for at the present time. Remarks heard after the meeting adjourned indicate that some opposition may develop over some of the proposals. Sprague said, however, that his remarks were to be considered as recommendations and they might be changed by further study by himself and committees.

Tuesday the real thing began, and while there is little prospect that many bills will be in this week the process of getting acquainted will be going on and measures that are being talked now here and in newspapers will be changed in accordance with public demand or entirely lost because of threatened opposition. There is little use of introducing bills if there is no support for them.

Fatland, newly elected speaker, and Duncan, another eastern Oregon man, are presiding in their respective houses. Both handled the

HIGH SCHOOL EDITORS RECEIVE AWARDS FOR BEST PAPERS IN STATE



Awards for the best high school papers in the state were made here in the fourteenth annual high school press conference held at the University of Oregon's school of Journalism. Editors who received cups are: Bill Garnjobst, Corvallis Hi-O-Scope, best paper in schools over 500; Hellen Robertson, Dundee Wee Hi, best mimeograph paper; Jim Schiller, Pendleton Lantern, best paper in schools under 500; Barbara Swift, Baker, best news notes in local paper; and Robert Fowells, Franklin High School Post, Portland, best all-around high school paper in state.

details of the formalities of the inauguration with dignity and as if it was an everyday occurrence for them.

In the house, the proceedings had been written so that a permanent record for the journal could be made. Everyone having a part in the ceremonies had a copy and they arose and said their pieces with the celerity and aplomb of experienced actors and actresses. It may be a fortunate sign that they can also be good legislators and apt at arising at the proper time and expressing the things they have to say.

The formal inauguration ball brought out one of the largest crowds assembled in Salem in years according to the observers. The old armory was full of dancers stepping around under the decorations to the tunes of the National Guard band and another dance hall, across the street but connected by an improvised runway, was also full of couples dressed in either the formal black and white of male attire or the lowcut gowns that indicate either formal occasions or bedtime.

Also the lobby of the Marion hotel, a block from the furthestmost dance floor, was full of dancers gasping for breath or talking about some phase of the political situation which, incidentally, is calm.

Tuesday was a calm day, even for the start of a session. Most of the members were out dancing until a late hour and were not in form to do much constructive work and, what is more important, there is not much work to do. Bills must be written and then checked by a legislation and rules committee to see that the wording is in the proper phraseology. This may sound a bit petty, but it is done so that when a law is read the same words will be used to express the same thought each time and thereby avoid confusion.

Recodifying of the agricultural laws of the state has been done and the necessary amendments are being written. This will account for a lot of bills, probably well over fifty, which will be counted against the legislature, but will in fact be a mere re-writing and re-stating of the present law in the interest of simplicity and understandability. Many laws are in this category.

A minimum of trouble seems to have occurred over patronage. There seem to be fewer in dire straits this time, or else the express wish of the speaker for an economical session has been heard.

Committee assignments for the senators and representatives from this district were put out Monday morning. Senator Steiwer will be chairman of the senate committee on assessment and taxation, one of the most important in that body. He will serve on game, livestock and forestry, assuring of something to do.

Representative French will be chairman of Land Use, a new committee in the House which is made up of a combination of Public Lands and Erosion and Flood Control. Several bills important to agriculture are expected to come in to this committee this session, particularly

the one for erosion control districts. He will be vice-chairman of Taxation and Revenue, which may handle some of the tax legislation. Other committees upon which he will serve are Education, Counties and Cities, and Revision of Laws.

Production Credit Group Meeting Jan. 19

Farmers and stockmen of Morrow, Umatilla, Wallowa and northern Grant and Union counties who joined together on February 17, 1934, to found the Pendleton Production Credit association, will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a dinner at its annual meeting to be held in the Vert Memorial building in Pendleton, Thursday, Jan. 19, at 11:30 o'clock.

Starting with less than 30 incorporators, the association has grown to a membership of 184 and has loaned in five years more than \$2,600,000 for the production of crops and livestock. For 1938 loans total \$760,000.00.

When it was organized, the association had a board of nine directors. This number has since been reduced to five, but all of the present directors were members of the original board. They are James Hill, Pendleton, president; R. A. Thompson, Heppner, vice-president; A. R. Coppock, Adams; H. H. Weatherspoon, Elgin, and E. T. Jacob, Enterprise.

Other original directors who have since retired were W. T. Wallsinger, Alicel; Sim J. Culley, Weston; R. B. Rice, Lexington, and W. W. Wade, Lostine.

W. E. Moore is secretary-treasurer. There are four field representatives and inspectors serving the membership. They are H. D. McCurdy, Heppner; W. J. Ortmann, Enterprise; J. De Wilde, Pendleton, and Robert S. French, Cove.

All voting stock is held by the borrowers, who subscribe for stock equal to 5 per cent of their credit needs. Stockholders will elect directors at the meeting January 19. Principal speaker on the program will be Ernest E. Henry, president of the Production Credit corporation of Spokane.

The Pendleton association is one of 30 in the 12th Farm Credit district—Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. These associations have more than 10,000 members and at one time in 1938 had more than \$26,000,000 in loans outstanding.

Throughout the nation there are 535 Production Credit associations which have made more than one million loans for more than one billion dollars.

American motorists will drive approximately 300 billion miles this year, the current issue of "Automobile Facts" reports. In 1934 the national mileage was less than 200 billions, and 10 years ago was only about 150 billion. Oregon will contribute at least its per capita share to this total, Secretary of State Earl Snell predicted this week, since gasoline consumption figures to date indicate that Oregon drivers covered about 2½ billion miles during 1938.

Extension Report Lists Important Facts on Oregon

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Oregon State college extension service is the theme of the biennial report just issued as an illustrated bulletin, as written by F. L. Ballard, vice-director.

"Cooperating for Rural Betterment," is the title of the bulletin which, according to Wm. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture, "epitomizes into terse paragraphs important work rendered by the agricultural extension service to the state of Oregon."

The bulletin includes an itemized statement of the facts which have formed the basis of the extension service program since 1923. These basic facts, as listed by Ballard, follow:

1. The farms of Oregon furnish annually about three-fourths of the cash income of the people of the state from basic resources, and about one-fourth of the total accountable income from all sources.
2. Oregon's population can consume only a small fractional part of the production of these farms.
3. Markets must be found at distant points.
4. To increase or even maintain this return from farm land requires understanding of national and international markets, their trends, adjustments and outlook.
5. Knowledge is necessary of the competition from other states in the markets, including production and market trends, and transportation trends.
6. Production and marketing guidance is needed in adjustment to this difficult export problem.
7. Because of the handicap of distance, unusual necessity exists for most efficient management of production and marketing practices on the individual farms, under most recently developed scientific principles.
8. Prevention of erosion and increase in fertility is always necessary to profitable production but is especially so under these marketing handicaps.

LADIES' HATS

By Spencer Akers
The ladies' hats, oh, what a sight; Some look just like a boy's kite, While some I notice over town Resemble those of Barnum's clown. The dames supporting surplus fat All seemed to sport a crownless hat, While those more slender in physique Wore lids ascending to a peak. One looked just like a dinner pail With feathers from a gobbler's tail. I smiled, and even laughed aloud While gazing on this gaudy crowd. Some veils in front and some behind; It seems the ladies do not mind Just how they hang or set awry, When giving it a toss on high. When I was young, the ladies then Wore pretty hats to please the men. But now the scarecrows they display Will drive the timid males away.

ONE NEWS

Ione Public Library Gets 250 New Books

By MARGARET BLAKE
The library will receive 250 new books from the state library at once. These books will replace the state library books which have been on the shelves all fall.

Miss Katherine Griffith entertained the girls of the senior class with a pajama party at her home last Friday night. Guests were Helen Lindsay, Bernice Ring, Lola Cannon and Oleta Ramey.

Charles O'Connor returned from Portland Tuesday where he has been receiving treatment for a finger which he hurt in hay harvest at the Hynd ranch last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wood of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. Wood's sisters, Mrs. Lana Padberg, Mrs. John Bryson and Mrs. Louis Padberg.

Kenneth Blake of Heppner was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blake, for a short time Sunday enroute to a banquet at The Dalles, given by the Sperry Feed company in honor of H. L. Gates, one of their salesmen who is retiring from their employ after many years of service. Mr. Gates is well known to the business men of this community which he has visited regularly.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allyn have moved from the house of Mrs. Helen Long to the Elmer Griffith house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Zinter and children returned from California Thursday. After a short visit at the home of Robert Zinter they left for Spokane.

Mrs. Agnes Wilcox left Friday for Gresham where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Curran.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferris have moved into the house which has been rented by the Emert family until recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Blake have moved their household goods to Kinzua where Mr. Blake is employed.

Gene Engelman was here Tuesday evening for a short call at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engelman.

Earl Blake visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blake, at Kinzua on Sunday.

Members of Locust Chapter No. 119, O. E. S., with their families and friends enjoyed a pot luck supper at the Masonic hall Tuesday evening. The regular meeting of the chapter at eight o'clock was followed by the installation of officers. Ruth Mason acted as installing officer and was assisted by Martha Dick, marshal; Jennie McMurray, chaplain, and Margaret Blake, organist. The new officers are Mabel Krebs, worthy matron; George Ely, worthy patron; Beulah Mankin, associate matron; Henry Smouse, associate patron; Ruth Mason, secretary; Ruby Roberts, treasurer; Anne Smouse, conductress; Lena Lundell, associate conductress; Elaine Rietmann, Adah; Fannie Griffith, Ruth; Della McCurdy, Esther; Orral Feldman, Martha; Lola McCabe, Electa; Margaret Blake, organist; Anna Blake, marshal; Roxy Krebs, chaplain; Helen Long, warder, and Dan Long, sentinel. Many beautiful flowers were presented and Mrs. Mary Beckner, outgoing worthy matron, was given a past matron's jewel.

Carlton Swanson and Robert Rietmann returned Tuesday evening from a ten-day visit in California.

Dorothy Farrens who has been very sick at home is much better.

R. E. Bollman of Portland was an over-night guest on Tuesday of his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Blake.

Chancellor to Live in Corvallis for Period

Oregon State College—Dr. F. M. Hunter, chancellor of the state system of higher education, has taken up temporary residence in Corvallis, following a practice established last year of spending part of each academic year on each of the campuses of the state system.

While in Corvallis, Dr. and Mrs. Hunter are living at the Benson hotel, and the chancellor is maintaining regular office hours in connection with the office of the controller of the system, H. A. Bork.