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## Relief for Counties

OREGON is one of few states in the Union which requires counties to match state funds in securing federal aid for old age, dependent children and blind assistans. It is one of four states where county contributions equal those of the state. In the majority of states no funds whatever are required of counties in taking care of the relief burden.

With relief taking such a large toll from county revenues in Oregon, counties are severely handicapped in carrying on the ordinary affairs of government. The legislature should give heed to the prayer for relief which county courts are placing before it.

The present administration at Washington has recognized it to be the duty of the federal government to carry a large share of the relief burden. Fifty per cent of relief monies expended in all states is now contributed by the federal government. In many states the other fifty per cent is contributed wholly by the state.

County courts in Oregon are asking that the state find ways of relieving the counties of all but 10 per cent of the cost of relief. The courts have more than their share of grief in administering the funds.

It is just that the burden of relief should be equitably distributed. It is also sensible that administration should be left with the courts. Only those close to the conditions demanding attention are qualified to administer the funds intelligently.

## STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Governor Installed
- Thrice Chief Justice
- Motorists Hit

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem—In the presence of the 90 members of the Oregon legislature meeting in joint session in the Hall of Representatives in Oregon's new \$2,500,000 capitol and before an audience which packed the hall to its capacity and overflowed into the spacious corridors of the state house, Charles A. Sprague, Salem newspaperman, was inaugurated as Oregon's twenty-second governor Monday afternoon. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice John L. Rand of the Oregon supreme court.

Immediately after taking the oath Governor Sprague addressed the assembled lawmakers in a message in which he urged them to keep "government the servant and not the master of the people."

The most pressing problem before the state, Sprague said, continues to be economic: how to increase the income of the people and provide for its fair distribution.

On the subject of taxation Sprague declared that his study of this problem had convinced him that it was not so critical as has been advertised. While he would like to see the tax load borne by property owners lightened Sprague declared that he saw greater hope for relief in the stimulus to commerce and agriculture and industry which will lift the level of income and thus

## LONNY COPENHAVER IN CHARGE OF MOVIE MAGNATE'S STABLES

Many old-time friends in Morrow county will be pleased to learn of Lonny Copenhaver's success in the racing world. Lonny got his start in this county and some of his first racing experience was gained at the Heppner Rodeo. News of his rise to fame in the racing world is carried in a recent issue of the Grants Pass Courier, which reports:

Lonny Copenhaver, racing horse owner and trainer who until recently lived on the Pacific highway near Savage Rapids dam, has been given the position of trainer for the famous stable at San Mateo, Calif., of Louis B. Mayer, motion picture magnate.

"Lorenzo the Magnificent," Mr. Copenhaver is called by a San Francisco Chronicle writer, for the position is considered one of the finest spots in national racing circles. Last week the local man had the opportunity to offer \$200,000 for War Admiral on behalf of his wealthy employer.

Mr. Copenhaver is at present at either Bay Meadows or Tanforan, San Francisco tracks, but will return here for a visit any day now, according to his father, W. L. Copenhaver, who is taking care of his son's small stable of horses here.

lighten the pressure of taxation.

He declared himself as opposed to the imposition of any new taxes by this session, especially sales or gross income levies, and said that it was his conclusion that Oregon's present tax structure, placing reliance on property and income taxes is sound. If the legislature will apply rigid economies in appropriating money the revenues will be adequate for essentials of government during the next biennium, including increased sums for public assistance, he said.

With relation to the problem of relief Sprague declared the time has come when we need to coordinate more fully the various phases of the social security program. Emphasis should be put on rehabilitation and return of individuals to self-support, he said. He expressed the hope that Oregon would promptly increase its contribution to the needy aged so that the maximum of \$30 a month would be available to all persons in need of that amount.

On the subject of labor, Sprague voiced a plea for "a season of labor peace." All parties have suffered severely from the prolonged disputes that have wracked Oregon the past four years, he said. He complimented Governor Martin upon his masterful handling of the purge of labor goons and promised that "the gains thus made will not be relinquished during my administration." While he felt that recently enacted "picketing" measure was

The Chronicle columnist writes: "Our screed from here on concerns Lonny Copenhaver . . . one-time village blacksmith and lariat tosser in wild Indian country . . . and today, presto—full-fledged prince in the training world. Commander-in-chief of all the turf forces a mighty movie magnate can assemble . . . from Europe and America . . . near and afar . . . or by skimming the globe's surface, if need be. Yesterday—Lonny. Today—Lorenzo the Magnificent."

"Mayer never does things by halves. Aspiring to own the most powerful racing machine in America—he's buying the best—top horses at top figures. Hollywood knows no ceiling. Even Ega Khan and Baron Rothchild better look to their racing laurels now."

"Tis said—when Lonny received the phone call bidding him into Hollywood to sign a contract 5,000 horsemen would have stormed Gibraltar for . . . he thought someone was kidding him. They say he laughed . . . came within an inch of hanging up. Come by air? Yes—he could. Chicago to L. A.—first sky ride of his life—Lorenzo rubbed his eyes. Could this be true—? True it was—Prince Charming had arrived in Hollywood . . . by air . . . and his right name was Copenhaver."

defective in its drafting and too drastic in its terms he urged that since it had been approved by the voters it be allowed to "pass to the test of the court and of experience." Sprague said he had in mind a plan of his own for dealing with labor problems which he might submit to the legislature later in the session for consideration.

He urged the lawmakers to give serious consideration to the demand on the part of the cities for a share in the gas tax funds although expressing it as his opinion that the state highway department needed all of this revenue for its own program for the time being.

Recommendations contained in the governor's message called for an amendment to the public utility district law to provide for the issuance of revenue bonds and for contributions by these districts in lieu of taxes now being paid by private utilities; enlargement of the prison annex for the accommodation of "the more worthy mature inmates and of youthful first offenders"; sale of fortified wines in state liquor stores only; abolition of the state bakery board; readjustment of salaries of county officials on a population basis; readjustment of the terms of appointive officials to prevent packing of state jobs by retiring governors; establishment of some pension system for public employees.

The past week witnessed a num-

ber of shifts in the state's official family. Wallace S. Wharton, former budget director, transferred to the state tax commission, succeeding John H. Carkin; David W. Eccles of Portland an appointee of Governor Sprague, took up his new duties as director of the budget and executive secretary to the governor; Walter E. Pearson was sworn in as state treasurer, succeeding Rufus C. Holman, now United States senator; and Edgar W. Smith was appointed to a seat on the state board of higher education, subject to confirmation by the state senate.

Procrastinating motorists who delayed their purchase of new license plates until after the first of the year found to their sorrow that the police were not fooling when they warned against appearing in public without the 1939 plates on their car. Hundreds of arrests were reported by state and city police in every section of the state. With the state department prepared to issue the new licenses promptly upon application law enforcement officials clamped down promptly on those who failed to display the new black and yellow tags.

Justice John L. Rand who became chief justice of the Oregon supreme court on January 1 has twice before served in that capacity, from September 10, 1927, to January 7, 1929, and from January 2, 1933, to January 7, 1935. This high honor goes automatically to the member

of the court with the shortest term to serve and with the greatest number of years on bench to his credit.

## Lions Entertained By Harmonica Group

Miss Rachael Forsythe, grade teacher in the Heppner schools, entertained Lions at their Monday noon luncheon with an explanation and demonstration of the harmonica. Miss Forsythe conducts a harmonica band in the school and was assisted in the demonstration by little Misses Jean Turner and Marylou Ferguson. Following an explanation of the instrument and methods of teaching and playing, several trio, duet and solo numbers were greatly enjoyed by club members.

Orville Cutsforth, chairman of the committee making a study of plans for improvement of the county school system, was a guest of the club and gave a short explanation of the county school law, answering various objections raised against the so-called county unit plan, and clarifying disputed points in the law. Mr. Cutsforth cited the advantages of equalizing taxation for school purposes over the county, and the possibility of saving in educational costs under adoption of the county school law. He urged study of the plan by everyone in the county and solicited aid of the Lions club in disseminating information.

C. J. D. Bauman was program chairman for the meeting.

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