

UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME

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Representative for Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler Counties.

One of the peculiar things about the fortieth session of the Oregon legislature to this date is the lack of news that has been available for the newspaper boys who cover the session. Little of the really important stuff expected this session has been brought out until this week and therefore those covering the session have had to write about minor matters while criticising the governor, speaker and president of the senate for not having more fireworks.

The truth of the matter is that more bills have been introduced this time than last. It is also true that when the legislature meets immediately after the inauguration of a governor some time may be wasted because a governor's programs do not spring like Minerva all equipped for war even from gubernatorial minds.

Criticism of Speaker Fatland and President Duncan for lack of a program is silly. They are not supposed to have one, being chosen by their fellows because of a reputation for fairness to preside over the house and senate.

The governor is the one, along with the legislature, who goes before the people saying what he stands for and what he will do to bring it about. Governor Sprague in his inaugural address told about his program very clearly.

The interim taxation committee has not yet reported and whether it does or not is now of little importance for bills covering nearly all of the things it has considered are either introduced or are ready for introduction. Plans for laying additional taxes for relief cannot go on until the ways and means committee decides what may be left from regular income for this function of government.

Committee work has been rather sloppy so far as many mistakes have been overlooked in bill wording, due partly to the lack of a competent bill drafter and partly to the failure on the part of the committee members to examine every word and phrase critically. This era of good feeling will become null and void as the session grows older and the new members learn that their brain children must be able to stand the test of member criticism.

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Leo Gorger to Portland for Aid

By MARGARET BLAKE

Leo Gorger was taken to St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Sunday, where he is receiving treatment for a stubborn case of infection from which he has been suffering for two weeks.

"Snow, beautiful snow" visited Ione Tuesday afternoon, covering the ground, and giving the town a Christmas card appearance, but not much moisture.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Fabion of Hood River arrived Thursday for a visit with Mrs. Fabion's mother, Mrs. Ida Fletcher.

Mrs. Clarence Brenner and infant son returned from Pendleton Saturday.

Mrs. Erret Hummel returned Friday from La Grande where she was called by the illness of her father.

R. L. Ekleberry of Morgan is ill at the home of his son, Dean Ekleberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Everson of Hood River spent the week end here and attending the President's ball at Heppner. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan, Jr.

Friends here learned with regret of the death of John Harbke in Portland Saturday. He was formerly a resident of this county, where he farmed, and later dealt extensively in real estate. He is survived by his widow and one daughter.

Walter Rood of Hermiston moved his family onto the farm near Ione which he recently purchased from Wm. Howard. The children have entered school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denny drove to Portland Sunday to attend the funeral of John Harbke on Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl Blake and little daughter Joanne accompanied the Dennys

to Portland where Joanne will receive medical treatment.

Mrs. John W. Krebs of Cecil is in Portland with her mother, who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schleevoight and Miss Tillie Johnson were pleasantly surprised at their home Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yarnell and E. C. Heliker.

Farmers Invited To Hear AAA Head Speak in Oregon

Fifteen hundred or more farmers and agricultural leaders of the state are expected to greet R. M. Evans, new administrator of the AAA, who is scheduled to address a public meeting in Pendleton Saturday, February 11. Evans, a former Oregonian who still owns some land in this state, will be making his first trip to the Pacific northwest since his recent appointment as head of the agricultural program to succeed H. R. Tolley.

Evans' trip west will follow immediately after the national conference on wheat problems, which has just been held in Washington with farmer representatives from the principal wheat producing states attending. Sim Culley, a wheat farmer of Weston, was Oregon's representative at the conference. He is scheduled to give a brief report of the conference prior to the main address by Evans, who will discuss the current aspects of the wheat problem, particularly as they affect Oregon.

Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state AAA committee, will preside at the meeting, which will be held in the Vert Memorial auditorium, starting at 2 o'clock. At the meeting also will be N. E. Dodd, former Oregon state chairman and now assistant director of the western division of the AAA.

Evans is making only four addresses on his present western tour, these being at Jamestown, N. Dak., February 7; Great Falls, Mont., February 8; Spokane, Wn., February 10, and Pendleton the day following. Immediately after the Pendleton meeting he will return to Washington, D. C., probably by plane.

Latest reports indicate that Oregon will supply at least 1½ million bushels of wheat for the current pool of five million bushels sought by the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation for export prior to February 4. Umatilla county farmers particularly have been quick to take advantage of the offer of the government to pay a premium over the loan value of Pacific northwest wheats in order to take advantage of an opportunity to export a considerable volume at this time, thereby relieving overcrowded storage in advance of the 1939 crop harvest.

Association Sponsors Pure Bred Horse Sale

The Oregon Pure Bred Draft Horse Breeders' association will sponsor a pure bred draft horse sale February 7 to 11 at the Oregon State Fair stadium in Salem, officials have announced.

The event will be the first assembly sale of its kind ever held in Oregon, according to John Stastney of Turner, president. Approximately 30 Percherons, Belgians and Shires have been listed. The sponsoring association will guarantee the pedigrees of all animals, and they will be examined for soundness.

A revival of interest in the huge animals is seen by association members. At the present time farm horses are the only ranch product selling above pre-depression prices, officials pointed out at recent meetings. War conditions, too, may stimulate the Oregon industry.

The horse assembly will be made up of stallions, mares in foal, mares, fillies and colts. Pedigree folders may be obtained by writing to Dr. W. H. Lytle, secretary, State Department of Agriculture, Salem.

Oscar Keithley was visiting in the county Monday from Rufus where he and Mrs. Keithley recently moved to spend the winter.

Activities Slated By Willows Grange

By MARY LUNDELL

Willows grange met in regular session in their hall at Cecil on Saturday evening, Jan. 28, with all newly installed officers, with one exception, at their posts.

Mrs. Martha Dinsmore and R. H. Happy were obligated as new members pending initiation. Several new names were submitted for membership.

An invitation will be extended to Lexington grange to exemplify the first and second degrees at Cecil some time during the coming month, Willows grange to return the visit in March with the third and fourth degrees, at Lexington.

The following communication, authorized by the grange and prepared by the legislative committee, was sent to the state grange legislative committee at Salem, urging the support of the legislators: "Willows grange No. 672 highly endorses en-

acting into law the revenue certificate bill as advocated by the Oregon State Grange executive committee as follows—adoption of a revenue certificate bill which will provide for financing power districts with revenue certificates which are not a lien against the property and which are an obligation only against the revenues of the power systems."

Interest in building a new grange hall is manifest in grange groups. A recent meeting held at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Markham Baker resulted in rather definite reports by the building committee. The committee met again on Sunday to select a desirable building site.

In an informal group about the stove, and perchance near the kitchen door from which came tantalizing suggestions of a real Home Economics lunch, the lecturer presented an enlightening and interesting program. This program consisted of officers' and committees' duties and in several instances those

having a part discovered duties previously unknown.

In well chosen words, the lecturer, Mrs. Marjorie Baker, presented Past Master J. O. Kincaid with a jewel in commemoration of work conscientiously and faithfully performed.

On February 4th, the communities of Morgan and Cecil, under auspices of the I. O. O. F. of Morgan and Willows grange, will hold their annual ball in honor of the President's birthday. It is expected that a good crowd will be in attendance.

Willows grange will give a dance at the Cecil hall on February 11th. Grange members are asked to attend a business meeting from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m., just previous to the dance. If you, as members, are interested in the location of the new grange hall, we suggest that you be present.

Misses Mary Driscoll, Helen Doherty and Marie Healy, former Heppner girls now residing in Portland, visited friends and relatives here over the week end.

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