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Let's Keep Our Heads

LAST week this paper called attention to the fallacy of attempting to boycott a certain brand of cigarettes because of hearsay. A salesman for that brand of cigarettes came to town the first of the week and was astounded at what he found here. Heppner seemed to be alone in waging such a campaign. The salesman thanked this paper for helping to clear up the matter.

This paper had no intent of befriending the particular company in question. It's only desire was to squash an ill-founded rumor of a nature that incites people to drastic action.

Whenever war occurs propaganda becomes rampant in an attempt to draw people to one side or the other. We in America have no business participating in the present squabble across the seas. We should take no stock in rumors unless their source is determined to be authoritative. To do so will only aid the propagandists in drawing us into the war.

No brief is intended for such un-American activities as are being waged under the Stars and Stripes. Every cooperation should be given proper governmental agencies in eliminating such activities. It should, however, be left to such governmental agencies to determine who and what are un-American.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Governor Armistice
- Payroll Tax
- More Employment

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem, Ore.—The announcement by Governor Sprague that there will be no more appointments for the time being is generally taken to mean that he has declared an armistice in his purge of Democratic office holders. There is, however, somewhat of a disagreement as to the interpretation of the governor's qualification "for the time being," although a preponderance of capitol opinion inclines to the notion that there will probably be no further changes among state department heads until after the first of the year.

At that there are only a few survivors remaining among the Democrats appointed to lucrative state posts by Sprague's predecessor. Chief among these are Hugh H. Earle, state insurance commissioner, about whose successor there appears to have been some difficulty in finding just the right man, and J. W. Ferguson, state forester, who remains under the protecting wing of a friendly forestry board.

Dan J. Fry, state purchasing agent, is one Democrat in the state house about whom little has been heard in the numerous speculations as to the possible fate of department heads. Of late, however, there have been rumors of a possible change in this quarter in spite of the efficiency with which Fry has performed a most difficult task and his known friendly relations with the two Republican members on the Board of Control.

Due, in part at least, to the growing scarcity of game on the Democratic side of the political fence the political sharpshooters are now beginning to take a few pot shots at some of the Republican hold-overs, particularly in the direction of Jer-

old Owen, secretary to the World War Veterans State Aid commission, who in spite of his Republican persuasion served without interruption through the Democratic administration of former Governor Charles H. Martin. Then, too, there has been some speculation as to the possibility that R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, might be eased out of his lucrative post, but while this may be regarded as a possibility it can hardly be classed as a probability. While Baldock has made many powerful enemies among county officials because of his autocratic attitude he has sold himself pretty strongly to the members of the highway commission and, after all, it is these latter who hire and fire the engineer.

Sixty percent of all electrical energy generated in Oregon is consumed by industrial plants, according to a survey just completed by O. R. Bean, state utilities commissioner. Out of a net operating revenue of \$7,040,581 realized by private electrical utilities during the past year \$3,374,865 was paid out in taxes, this amount representing 16 percent of the gross revenue of the utilities.

Governor Sprague this week reiterated his readiness to conform to the wishes of President Roosevelt in the matter of the observance of Thanksgiving Day. If the president proclaims November 23 as Thanksgiving Day Oregon will join with the rest of the nation in a concerted attack upon the turkey and dressing, Governor Sprague said.

Senate President Robert M. Duncan having already experienced the honors that accrue to the office of governor did not avail himself of the opportunity of officiating in that office when Governor Sprague absented himself from the state this week on a trip to California. The executive office, however, appeared to be functioning as usual under the guidance of Cecil Edwards, secretary to the governor, although there was a noticeable absence of visitors to the office during the governor's absence.

The excess in actual income tax payments this year over the estimates included by the tax commission in their annual levy does not mean that the state will have any more money to spend, members of the commission explain. Income taxes operate as an offset to levies on property and any excess in collections this year must be taken up in the estimate of 1940 tax payments to be included in the next levy.

The 1939 forest fire season was officially terminated at noon last Friday through a proclamation by Governor Sprague issued upon the recommendation of State Forester J. W. Ferguson.

Howard S. Merriman of Goshen, Lane county, has been appointed by Governor Sprague as a member of the State Welfare commission to succeed N. A. Bonn of The Dalles, resigned. Merriman was a former state representative from Lane county.

More than one-third of the persons killed in automobile accidents in Oregon during September were pedestrians, it was revealed this week in a report by Secretary of State Earl Snell. Of the 13 pedestrians killed by automobiles during the month a majority were more than 65 years of age.

Only a handful of employers and employees was attracted to Salem this week by the public hearing sponsored by the Oregon Unemployment Compensation commission to consider the problem of an "adequate reserve" for the jobless insurance fund. The hearing, members of the commission explained, had no bearing whatever upon the problem of merit rating under which employers who maintain steady employment will be rewarded by a reduction in their pay roll tax.

Opinions as to what constitutes an "adequate reserve" fund as expressed by those attending the hearing, varied widely. Employers generally appeared to favor a small reserve while representatives of the workers inclined toward a larger reserve. T. Morris Dunne, chair-

man of the Unemployment Compensation commission, gave it as his personal opinion that a reserve of from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000 would be adequate to insure the continued solvency of the fund. Other members of the commission thought that the reserve should be larger, as high as \$5,000,000 or even \$6,000,000.

The reserve, when established, will be used as a cushion to protect the fund against depletion in times of extraordinary unemployment when benefits might be expected to exceed contributions to the fund, temporarily at least, pending readjustment of the commission's program to meet the emergency situation.

Another and final hearing has been scheduled by the commission for December 6 when a much larger attendance is hoped for.

A substantial improvement in the employment situation in Oregon is indicated by reports compiled by the state unemployment compensation commission. Only 51,163 claims for jobless insurance were filed in the first nine months of the current year compared to 84,032 claims filed during the same period a year ago. Benefit payments during the first nine months of the current year totaled only \$3,410,261 compared to payments of \$5,021,344 to jobless workers during the first nine months of 1938.

Seven hundred persons were killed in the United States in bicycle accidents during 1938, Earl Snell, secretary of state, declared today in warning youngsters and others who ride bicycles to be careful when riding on highways or busy streets. At night be sure the bicycle is equip-

ped with proper lights and never ride two or more abreast, Snell urges.

An economic council to study marketing and industrial conditions in Oregon will be appointed by Governor Charles A. Sprague so that it will have time to make a study of the Oregon situation and make a report to the next legislature. The governor said that the education in marketing and the research involved would be placed in the hands of the state system of higher education.

A conference at the statehouse this week to attempt a settlement of the long labor deadlock in the Vernonia mill resulted in the forming of a basis for negotiations which the labor unions later rejected. The proposal would have compelled non-CIO members to pay a monthly tax of 50 cents for permission to work. The AFL members rejected the plan while the dominant CIO membership voted for it almost unanimously.

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Pioneers given old-time greeting at Lexington reunion.

Full day planned for November 11 with Dr. Poling slated for address at Elks hall. Hermiston and Heppner to play football.

Heppner high defeats Lexington 12-0 to maintain football league lead.

Lions back move for more work on Spray road.

Mrs. E. D. McMillan gives building to town of Lexington, soon to be dedicated as Leach Memorial hall.

Almost an inch of rain fell over Morrow county Saturday night.

Judge Alger Fee and J. S. Beckwith, court reporter, here today from Pendleton.

Miss Patricia Mahoney pledged to Chi Omega at U. of O.

Miss Stella Penland weds Herman Eberhardt at Portland.

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