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To Be Thankful

FOR a time it seemed the pumpkin would not be thoroughly ripened before Thanksgiving. Last night, however, the pumpkins were all well covered by Jack Frost's paint brush and so should be in proper readiness for the early date of thanks as set by President Roosevelt and Governor Sprague, next Thursday.

There will be as wide a variety of foods, and more than ever before, available to grace the festive boards to be set as the center of homecomings and unions of friends throughout Morrow county this Thanksgiving. Progress has continued in scientific methods of food conservation and handling since those Pilgrim forefathers inaugurated the day whose anniversary is being observed throughout America. That in itself is cause for thankfulness.

Foremost in thanksgiving of all this year, however, will be the homage paid the Great Protector for the United States having been kept free from the strife in Europe. There will be supplication for distressed of the world, wherever they may be, to be sure, and prayer that men may soon learn the fallacy of doing one another to death as a means of settling disputes.

And again this thanksgiving gratitude will be offered for such fruits of the harvest as have kept America together in body and soul; for the fruits not alone of the soil but of man's efforts in whatever field his talents have been applied.

Again there will be a high resolve of fortitude with which to face the future; a determination to give more of ourselves in cementing happy relations among peoples of the world, in doing our bit to preserve and foster that spirit which pervaded the Pilgrim forefathers and which has been the backbone of America's greatness. This is the true spirit of Thanksgiving.

Let's Back the Scouts

FAVORED among all boys' organizations for the making of a clean, red-blooded type of youth is the Boy Scouts of America. Statistics of membership and accomplishments back up this statement. Every boy who dons the Scout uniform may hold his head high, and if he strives to attain the goals set by the organization he may look his fellows in the eye without quail of conscience.

The Boy Scouts stand for every principle that has been proved in generations of trial and error to be best for fostering happiness in human relationships. It is a privilege and an honor for any boy to be a Scout, and few boys who have observed the enjoyment reaped by his fellows from scouting but have a strong desire to be members.

New impetus to the Scout movement in Heppner is being given at present by acquisition of good meeting quarters in the basement of the Christian church and by the leadership of Martin B. Clark, Christian minister, whose capabilities and sincere interest are making the work especially attractive. Twenty-eight boys are already signed up and working toward the higher ranks with merit awards for accomplishments in the various crafts and studies with the added knowledge and preparation for a useful life which they represent.

It is to the interest of everyone in Heppner to give the Boy Scouts their encouragement, and parents with boys of Scout age should con-

sider it a unique opportunity to have their boys enlisted in the ranks, giving them an equal start with other boys who are now just beginning the Scout life.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Politics Quiet
- Thanksgiving 23rd
- Free Trees

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem—Developments along Oregon's political front continued at a standstill this week except for the McNary-for-President boom which continued to make headway under the official sponsorship of the Republican state central committee.

Opponents of State Forester J. W. Ferguson, of whom there are many, are looking forward to the annual meeting of the state forestry board the latter part of this month in the hope that it will mark Ferguson's removal from the post which he has held for the past four years. Rumor has it that at least one change in the personnel of the forestry board is pending with M. C. Glover of Eagle Creek, who represents the State Grange, slated to be succeeded by another appointee selected from a list to be submitted to the governor by the grange. Glover, it is understood, is in disfavor with Ray Gill and other grange leaders because of his participation in the ill-fated revolt against Gill a year ago.

Speculation as to a successor to Hugh H. Earle, state insurance commissioner, has quieted down for the time being. The most recent rumor has it that Earle will retain his post until the first of the year when he will be succeeded by a Republican of Governor Sprague's choosing.

Concern expressed by county officials over enforcement of the 1939 tax foreclosure act is groundless in the opinion of both Attorney General Van Winkle and Chas. V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission. The concern of the county officials is based upon the wording of the act which appears to limit the filing of tax foreclosure suits to a specific date, six months after the date on which the taxes become delinquent. This wording in the opinion of the two state officials, is merely directory and not mandatory. Attorney General Van Winkle points out that he gave an opinion to this effect last April. Galloway says that the tax commission sponsored the act in question and has no fear but that the courts will uphold the position of the attorney general. Officials of Marion, Clackamas and Multnomah counties have indicated they plan to take the issue to court in order to definitely determine their authority to bring tax foreclosure proceedings under the provisions of the act.

The state's new \$290,000 tuberculosis hospital, constructed at a unit of the University of Oregon medical center in Portland, has been formally accepted by the Board of Control. The new institution which was turned over to the state by the contractors two weeks ago has accommodations for only 40 patients with a waiting list far in excess of that number.

Owners of property in the half block just north of the capitol site which the state hopes to ultimately acquire will be offered 75 per cent of the appraised value if they want to sell now, under a policy adopted by the Board of Control this week. The policy was adopted in connection with an offer by the B. C. Miles estate for sale of this property on which there is an appraised value of \$35,000. The last legislature made available a fund of \$100,000 for purchase of any of this property which might be on the market. The Board of Control takes the position that the state is not actively in the market for any of his property at the present time but will purchase it if it can be had at a bargain price.

Cecil Edwards, private secretary to Governor Sprague, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Oregon National Guard this week and assigned as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Thos. E. Rilea. Ed-

wards had previously for several years held a commission in the officers reserve corps.

Governor Sprague, it seems, incurred the displeasure of state labor leaders this week when he failed to appoint one of their number as a delegate to the annual conference on labor legislation in Washington. The governor, however, insists that no slight to labor was intended. Labor leaders, he said, apparently lost interest in the conference when they discovered that the state had no funds available to pay the expenses of a delegate. The appointment of Labor Commissioner Chas. H. Gram to represent the state followed a precedent of several years standing.

State Treasurer Walter H. Pearson and Lewis Griffith, clerk of the State Land Board, have spent this week in eastern Oregon inspecting lands offered as security on loans from the irreducible school fund. Profiting by the experience of past Land Boards through which the school fund suffered heavy losses from bad loans the present board is doing its own investigating and not relying too much upon the recommendations of local appraisers.

In proclaiming Thursday, November 23, as Thanksgiving Day in Oregon, in conformity with the national observance of the holiday, Governor Sprague called attention to the fact that the Oregon law provides that any day set apart for Thanksgiving either by the president or the governor is to be observed in this state as a legal holiday. Consequently if Oregon's governor had insisted upon observing the last Thursday in November, as usual, the state would have had two Thanksgiving holidays.

Educational Forum

Contributed articles from county school leaders telling the purposes of education.

The Purpose of Physical Education in the School Program

Our modern physical education program can best be explained by comparing it to the gymnasium class of former years and then examining for the reasons behind the changes that appear.

In the old days, before the World war, the program consisted almost entirely of formal exercises and drills. These activities were of a formal nature and carried out precisely in response to commands from the instructor. Today we find the classes engaged almost entirely in games and informal play. Only enough organization is preserved to handle the group efficiently. Such a radical change indicates that some considerable change has taken place in the minds of the educators as to the reasons for and the results to be gained from these activities.

The older program recognized that exercise is necessary to health. The people of that day placed emphasis on the importance of great muscular strength. They believed that there was little relationship between physical and mental activity.

Today we still recognize the necessity of exercise for health but we believe that skill and coordination are more important than great strength. We know now that the individual is not composed of two parts, a mind and a body, but that the mind and body are interacting parts of his whole being; that they cannot be trained separately. Social qualities such as sportsmanship and cooperation are becoming increasingly important. The ability to think and act quickly is considered more important than willingness to respond to commands. Finally, we believe that if the boy or the girl is to continue to take part in physical activities after they leave school they must have learned to enjoy themselves in such activities.

The game program rather than formal exercise program would seem to have the best chance of attaining the above mentioned aims. The formal program provided opportunity for exercise. The game program provides for exercise and in addition gives the individual a chance to enjoy himself in situations where he must think, make choices, make social adjustments, and develop recreational skills that will be usable after he leaves school.

on both of which public offices, banks and courts would have been closed.

Reductions in electric rates to Oregon consumers made effective during the first ten months of 1939 amount to \$342,000 a year, according to O. R. Bean, state utilities commissioner. All of these rate reductions, Bean explained, were brought about through conferences between himself and representatives of the electric utilities. Residential consumers of electrical energy will enjoy a reduction of \$166,000 in their annual "juice" bill as a result of these rate reductions, commercial users will enjoy a saving of \$156,000 while the cost of electrical energy used by big industrial plants will be reduced by more than \$21,000 a year.

A material improvement in the employment situation in Oregon is reflected by the files of the state employment office which show a total of only 31,899 applications for jobs compared to more than 82,000 at this time a year ago. The demand for workers in private industry continues well ahead of that of a year ago with 5735 workers placed in private industry during October compared with 2569 placements during October, 1938.

The state forestry department announced this week that it had a million forest tree seedlings available for free distribution to Oregon farmers who might want to establish windbreaks, shelterbelts or woodlots, or in erosion control. The available seedlings include 225,000 Port Orford cedars, 250,000 Douglas firs, 40,000 black locusts, 50,000 Russian olives, 15,000 carcasas and a varied assortment of pines, cedars and spruces.

Washington county is the latest entrant into the race for PUD recognition in this state. Preliminary petitions were filed by sponsors of the Washington county district with the hydro-electric commission this week. Promoters of peoples' utility districts are understood to be circulating similar petitions in Marion, Yamhill, Clackamas and Union counties.

Big Homecoming Program Awaits All O.S.C. Alumni

Oregon State College—Two days and nights of fun and fraternizing for students and alumni of Oregon State college, climaxed by a banquet address by Governor Charles A. Sprague, are on the homecoming bill at O. S. C. Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18.

Students will spend much of Friday preparing a campus and city-wide welcome to the returning grads, with the annual Rood bonfire and scores of brilliantly animated house signs for feature attractions, along with the rally, that evening.

"Ye plus We equal OSC" is the homecoming slogan this year and students are out to show the alumni that the two groups working together make an unbeatable combination, says Everett Hansen of Marshfield, general chairman. Chief attraction Saturday, of course, will be the football game between Oregon State and the University of California.

Weekend activities will commence with an inter-fraternity sing Thursday night. Alumni registration, judging of house signs, the noise parade, the Rook bonfire, and a midnight matinee are Friday afternoon and evening events.

Saturday forenoon there will be crew races and a water regatta, followed by alumni luncheons in the Memorial Union building, featuring

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the classes of '24 to '27 inclusive. The big game is scheduled for 2:00 o'clock, with an alumni reception from 5 to 6 o'clock, and the alumni banquet starting at 6:30. Homecoming dances will follow the banquet.

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