

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

By A. L. LINDBECK

- 'Economic Council'
- High Receipts
- Treasury Post

Salem.—Governor Sprague's "economic council" got under way at a meeting here Friday. In opening the conference the governor outlined the task ahead of the council as consisting of four major objectives: The reclamation of Oregon's burned over and cut-over timber lands; the development of new markets for the state's agriculture; development of new industries for the state; and promotion of the shipping industry.

The 20 members of the council serve without pay except for actual expenses. Established state agencies, including the institutions of higher education, will cooperate with the council in its work, Governor Sprague said.

Receipts of the state treasury during 1939 set a new all-time high with a total of \$75,439,602, compared to \$71,880,270 in 1938, according to a report by State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson. Revenues from the state's liquor monopoly alone totalled \$13,241,937 compared with \$11,633,636 in 1938. Gasoline tax receipts of \$12,030,395 were \$800,000 above the previous year's figures. Other sizeable items included in the grand total are: Income taxes, \$4,615,000; motor vehicle registration and license fees, \$3,473,019; inheritance and gift taxes, \$535,792; motor carrier fees, \$1,246,020; insurance fees, \$857,668; corporation fees, \$314,445; game commission fees and fines, \$645,313; industrial accident commission funds, \$4,282,836; bonus commission funds, \$2,364,017; employer contributions to the unemployment compensation fund, \$5,713,934.

A loan of \$1000 made to the state prison 28 years ago to provide a revolving fund for the purchase of tobacco for convicts was repaid this week in full. The loan was authorized by the legislature of 1911.

The most perplexing problem confronting the state liquor administration just now is control of the so-called social club where drinks are mixed for members, according to J. J. Hague, liquor administrator. At present, Hague said, there appears no effective means by which either the state or local communities can cope with this problem.

One of the most voluminous briefs ever filed with the Oregon supreme court was filed this week by attorneys in their appeal from a circuit court decision upholding the constitutionality of the anti-picketing act. The brief contains 363 pages.

Benefit payments to Oregon's jobless workers during 1939 totalled only \$4,052,888 as compared to \$5,916,938 paid out in benefits during 1938, it was reported by the State Unemployment Compensation commission. Slightly more than 50 per cent of the benefit payments went to unemployed workers in the Portland area.

Constructed to accommodate 2300 patients the state hospital at Salem now has a population of more than 2700, according to Superintendent J. C. Evans who points out that crowded conditions in the institution makes it impossible to segregate the patients.

Political prognosticators who are already busy picking out possible Republican contenders for the state treasurer's post have overlooked one real possibility. He is Fred A. Paulus who for the past eight years or more has held down the job of deputy treasurer and who is generally credited with knowing more about the inner workings of this department than any other person in the state. Paulus admits that he is in a receptive mood and is seriously considering throwing his hat into the ring at the opportune moment. Only one development, it is believed, will deter him from entering the race. That would be the possibility of the present incumbent, Walter E. Pearson, becoming a candidate for

the post himself. Paulus will not become a candidate in opposition to his chief.

Word from Portland has it that Joe Dunne, former state senator, and one time Republican candidate for governor, has his eye on the treasury post, while the name of Floyd Cook of Portland, is also being prominently mentioned in this connection.

Oregon counties participated in the distribution of state highway funds to the extent of \$2,234,676.69 during 1939, according to Secretary of State Snell. This distribution represents 15.7 percent of the \$14,233,609.48 realized by the state from gasoline taxes, motor vehicle registration fees, truck and bus fees and fines. The apportionment by counties includes: Benton, \$40,205.57; Clackamas, \$108,737.64; Columbia, \$39,848.94; Coos, \$66,939.58; Deschutes, \$38,588.49; Douglas, \$53,080.69; Hood River, \$27,145.98; Josephine, \$36,282.77; Lane, \$137,734.33; Malheur, \$38,662.26; Marion, \$168,385; Morrow, \$9,745.50; Multnomah, \$697,482.58; Polk, \$33,448.27; Sherman, \$6,738.85; Wasco, \$30,878.17; Washington, \$79,568.77; Yamhill, \$57,028.08.

Opposition to the proposed Willamette basin flood control program emanates entirely from outside the valley, Douglas McKay, chairman of the Willamette River Basin commission, told Governor Sprague at a conference here last week. The conference called to give fishermen an opportunity to air their views on the program failed to produce any opposition sentiment whatever. A number of valley control dams would benefit fish life in the Willamette valley rather than prove harmful. Opposition to the flood control program has been expressed by a number of Portland sports fishermen and by commercial fishing interests on the Columbia river who fear that construction of huge flood control dams will interfere with the natural propagation of both trout and salmon.

Dairy herds in six Oregon counties are now rated as free from Bang's disease, according to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian. Those honor counties include Washington, Yamhill, Coos, Clatsop, Curry and Lane. Seven other western Oregon counties will be recommended for Bang's accreditation soon, Dr. Lytle said.

Heavy increase in the transportation business in Oregon this year is predicted by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner in warning railroads that they must pare down operating costs wherever possible if they are to meet the competition offered by the truck lines.

Inheritance taxes yielded \$436,732 in revenues to Oregon's general fund during 1939 while gift taxes added \$98,969.70 to the coffers of the state, according to State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson. Approximately three-fourths of the inheritance taxes come from estates left by former residents of Multnomah county.

Pomona Meeting Draws Large Crowd

The largest crowd in recent years attended Pomona meeting in Boardman. Speakers were W. A. Baker, Boardman, who made timely suggestions on home beautification, stating that with but little expense we can make our homes, both inside and out, much more enjoyable.

Senator Rex Ellis explained how a bill becomes a law, some of the duties of committeemen and other interesting facts concerning doings at the capital. Clifford Conrad outlined the working program for the county pertaining to agriculture.

Two quizzes furnished instruction as well as amusement for the lecturer's program. Prof. Quiz can really ask some good ones. These numbers were given by Willows and Lexington groups.

Fifteen members were admitted by initiation, the degree being exemplified by Irrigon grange assisted by Greenfield.

Next Pomona meeting will be held in the Rhea Creek hall on April 6. The degree work will be given by the Pomona officers.

PINE CITY NEWS

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

Roy Neill attended the Oregon state wool growers convention in Burns Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of last week and spent the rest of the week in Portland, returning Saturday.

R. E. McGreer attended the wool growers convention. Mrs. McGreer accompanied him as far as Redmond. They returned Friday after spending a day in The Dalles.

Creston Meyers from Jerome, Idaho, is visiting his brother and family, the Jasper Meyers'.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Meyers and Creston Meyers spent Sunday at the W. D. Neill home in Stanfield.

Mr. Moore of Rainier, Wash., spent last week at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and Lois Kent spent Saturday evening at the Walter Wigglesworth home in Echo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barnes are spending a few days at the Marion Finch home.

Ray Ayers and his grandmother, Mrs. Ritchie, spent the week end with Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger spent Saturday in Pendleton.

Miss Lilly Rauch spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rauch.

E. B. Wattenburger and Clayton Ayers made a business trip to Fossil and Condon Saturday.

R. E. McGreer went to spray to look at feeder lambs Tuesday.

Miss Francis Finch is ill with a bad cold this week.

Mrs. Dale Draper is helping Mrs. John Harrison at the Boylen ranch. There will be a dance Saturday night at the Lena grange hall.

Pete Wilkins made a business trip to Heppner Tuesday.

Tom Boylen, Jr., spent Sunday at his ranch on Butter creek. They are just finishing tagging, and will begin lambing around the 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill went to The Dalles Monday to see their granddaughter who is ill.

Charles Bartholomew made a business trip to Boardman Tuesday.

Biology Session Set For State College

Oregon State College—The second annual biology colloquium, sponsored by the Oregon State chapter of Phi Kappa Phi in cooperation with the school of science here, has been set for Saturday, March 9, announces G. V. Copson, chairman of this year's committee.

This one-day conference on latest developments in biological science is open to the general public, with special invitations being extended to high school science teachers. Ecology is to be the theme of this year's conference, with Dr. H. L. Shantz, chief of wildlife management in the federal forest service, as principal visiting speaker.

SUMMONS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY.

M. L. MYERS and ELVA O. MYERS, Plaintiffs,

vs.
CATHERINE C. SIMMONS and JOHN DOE SIMMONS., wife and husband, H. H. SCHISLER and JANE DOE SCHISLER, husband and wife, and OPLE L. WAGONER, a single man, Defendants.
To: Catherine C. Simmons and John Doe Simmons, wife and husband, H. H. Schisler and Jane Doe Schisler, husband and wife, DEFENDANTS.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and Cause within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons and if you fail to appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiffs will apply to the said Court for relief as prayed for in the said complaint, to-wit: for a decree that the plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of the following described real property:

The South Half of the South Half of Section 11; the North Half of the Southeast Quarter;

The East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14; All in Township 4 North of Range 24 E. W. M., in the County of Morrow, and State of Oregon.

And that the plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of the said land free of any right, title, estate, lien or interest of you and each of you and that you or any one of you have no right, title, estate, lien or interest in the said land or any part thereof and perpetually restrain and enjoin you and each of you, your heirs and assigns, from asserting or claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the said land or any part thereof, adverse to plaintiffs.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for four consecutive weeks in the Heppner Gazette Times, by order of Honorable Bert Johnson, Judge of the County Court of Morrow County, State of Oregon, and which said order was made and entered the 11th day of January, 1940, and the first date of this publication is the 11th day of January, 1940.

P. W. MAHONEY,
Attorney for Plaintiffs.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their expressions of kindness and beautiful floral offerings during the illness and loss of our beloved wife, mother, daughter and sister, Beulah B. Smouse.

Kenneth J. Smouse,
Billie Nichols,
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker
and family.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that no one excepting the undersigned has any authority to sell any of the personal property owned by Mike Kenny and the undersigned, and any one purchasing such property do so at their own risk.

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