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Salem.—If state liquor administrator J. J. Hague is discharged for alleged violation of the law by commenting on the liquor initiative to be on the ballot this November he won't be out of a job long.

Governor Charles A. Sprague was quick to announce that he "would immediately re-hire" Hague in the event the liquor commission were forced to discharge him.

Hague's discharge was demanded in a letter from Mel P. Brown of Portland, representing Common Sense, Inc., who claimed that Hague's remarks at Hood River on the initiative which would take control of liquor from the state and put it in private hands were in violation of the law.

Under Oregon law the liquor commission is required to discharge any employe who endorses or denounces any legislation dealing with liquor control or the liquor sentiments of any political candidate.

The Governor not only indicated his faith in Hague by announcing that he would rehire him and that he knew of no law that would prevent the rehiring but denounced the Common Sense measure as a direct path to the breakdown of control in the state and "a return to the old style saloon."

"My prime objection to the measure is from the control basis," the Governor said. "The main object of the Knox plan (the present liquor control setup) is that of social control of the liquor traffic. This proposal merely restores the old saloon system and so breaks down the control principle worked out in the Knox plan."

Speaking of the public welfare

program which is now financed with profits of the state-store system and or which some provision is made under the proposed law, the Governor said:

"If the measure passed public welfare would simply go broke, that's all. The financing features of the substitute measure are simply not adequate."

Meanwhile in Portland Brown threatened to circulate petitions for the recall of Governor Sprague.

However, the Governor isn't very worried about the recall threat. He branded the threat an effort to get some "cheap publicity" and said that it reminded him of the "ancient story of the three tailors of Titlow street in London who sent a petition to the king that opened with 'We the people of England!'"

If Brown does start the recall movement he will have to get the signatures of 79,782 registered voters before a special election is called.

The state police will provide the primary protection on the home front when the national guard is mobilized even though a "home guard" of World War veterans may be formed, Governor Charles A. Sprague said here.

The announcement came after a visit from national commander of the American Legion, Raymond J. Kelly, who told the Governor that the Legion's entire membership of 1,060,000 men was willing and anxious to aid the regular law enforcement agencies in home guard work when the national guard is called into active service.

Niel R. Allen, Grants Pass, commander of the Oregon department of the Legion and several other state Legion leaders pledged the support of the Oregon veterans if they are needed.

Both the Governor and the Legionnaires agreed there was no immediate emergency and if a home guard is created it will merely serve as an auxiliary force to the state police and local law officers.

The state department of agriculture issued a warning here against

deceptive packs of peaches, particularly the open top bushel boxes. The department said all such packs must have the name and address of the grower, the grade and the net weight of the contents stamped on the box before the peaches can be sold.

Boxes should be filled as full as possible without injuring the fruit the department said.

Secretary of State Earl Snell's county traffic safety contest ended the first half of the year with Clackamas, Hood River and Deschutes counties leading their divisions.

This annual contest is intended to stimulate interest in highway safety. Standings are based on the traffic safety improvement shown over the record of the preceding year.

Standings in the three divisions: 1—Clackamas first; Polk second; Washington third; Yamhill fourth; Columbia and Marion tied for fifth; Benton and Clatsop tied for sixth, and Multnomah last.

2—Hood River first; Linn second; Coos and Lane tied for third; Lincoln fourth; Tillamook fifth, and Jackson sixth.

3—Deschutes first; Union second; Baker and Wasco tied for third; Umatilla fourth; Josephine fifth, and Douglas and Klamath tied for last place.

A drive to secure for eastern Oregon the new air base which the federal government plans to build in the northwest "somewhere east of the Cascades" is planned by state officials led by members of the state board of control.

Board members were advised of the government's intentions in a wire from Senator Rufus Holman. Holman's wire did not say how much the government intends to spend on the new depot but it was known that bomber, pursuit, supply and laboratory facilities would form a part of the new air base.

California has four air bases, Washington has one and Oregon has none at the present time so the board feels that Oregon's claim for

air protection is justified.

Seventy-four of the 120 who took the bar examination here July 9 and 10 received passing grades, the supreme court announced this week.

Portland supplied 48 of the new lawyers, Salem seven and Eugene another seven. The remainder were from scattered parts of the state. Five of the new barristers are women.

The state forestry service has sold the Waco biplane it purchased last year because it proved more expensive to operate than it costs to hire a private plane when one is needed.

When the service owned the plane it not only had to pay storage, maintain it and keep it serviced but had to hire a pilot when the plane was needed. Lee U. Everly, Salem airport manager and member of the state board of aeronautics, bought the ship.

R. J. Goode, former secretary of agriculture for the state of Alabama, while visiting in Salem told director J. D. Mickle of the Oregon department that he was "struck with the similarity of conditions affecting the welfare of your state and the states of the south."

Goode, who is on his first tour of the west, said that both Oregon and Alabama have large agricultural resources but are handicapped by high freight rates to the industrial areas. He said that the unequal rates not only hindered shipment of farm produce to the consuming districts but made it difficult to build up industries at home.

He believed the west and the south should unite in the fight to get transportation rates more favorable to their districts.

Goode operates a 3,500-acre plantation near Gastonburg, Ala., using all colored help. He said his workers have their own school and church on the place.

The state department for vocational education has received an additional \$35,000 grant from the federal government to carry on the industrial training for national defense program.

Classes are now in full operation in Portland, Salem, Pendleton, Bend, Astoria and Oregon City.

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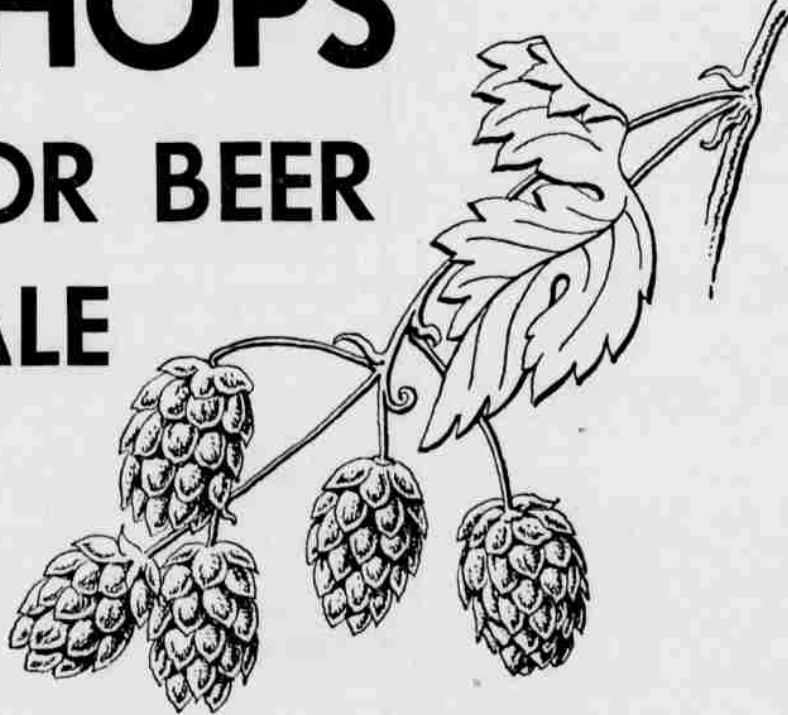
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