

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Budget Increases
- More Voters
- Measures' Advice

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Salem.—Budget requests of seven state institutions already approved by Governor Sprague involve increases aggregating \$366,939 over 1939-40 appropriations.

Largest of the institution budgets is that of the state hospital for insane at Salem for which the governor has approved requests totaling \$1,682,797, including \$400,000 for a new treatment hospital. The approved budget represents a substantial increase over the \$1,211,142 on which this institution has been operating during the past two years.

Other institution budgets as approved by the governor call for appropriations as follows: Penitentiary, \$608,125; Fairview Home, \$505,753; Blind school, \$119,489; deaf school, \$172,291; boys' training school, \$126,630; girls' industrial school, \$62,595.

Oregon republicans will bring their campaign to a climax with a big state-wide McNary Day rally on November 2. The celebration will celebrate the "homecoming" of United States Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican vice-presidential candidate, who is expected to return to Oregon on that day to remain until after the election. Plans call for rallies in every county in the state with the senator speaking over a state-wide radio hook-up from either the Portland or Salem meeting.

Plans for state cooperation in the construction of a \$386,430 sewage disposal plant by the city of Salem were approved by the board of control this week. The legislature will be asked to appropriate \$50,000 to finance the state's share of the project which will serve all state institutions in the vicinity of Salem as well as the city itself.

Governor Sprague does not favor the organization of a "home guard" in Oregon until there is a definite need for such an organization, he has let it be known. Congress last week authorized the creation of "home guard" organizations in states from which national guard units have been called into federal service. The governor said that he could see no immediate need for such an organization in this state.

Continued improvement in employment conditions in Oregon is shown in reports of the State Unemployment Compensation commission. During the first nine months of the current year \$3,484,382 in benefits was paid to jobless workers in this state, an amount substantially below that paid out in either of the two preceding years, the commission reports. The reserve in the commission's trust fund stood at \$9,361,827 at the end of September compared to a balance of \$6,792,224 a year ago.

On the basis of early returns filed with the state department registration of voters for the November election in this state will show an increase of nearly 10 percent over that of two years ago. Substantial gains were being recorded by the Democrats in most of the counties.

Oregon's motor vehicle population shows an increase of more than six percent during the past year according to registration figures compiled by Secretary of State Snell.

Governor Sprague took his trusty typewriter in hand this week to express his views on three of the measures upon which the voters of Oregon are being asked to pass judgment next month.

Only one of the three measures singled out by the governor for special attention met with his approval. That was the one designated on the ballot as a "Bill to further regulate the sale and use of alcoholic liquor." This measure, passed by the last legislature and referred to the voters through petitions sponsored by Common Sense, Inc., is designed to strengthen in an important partic-

ular the liquor control act now in force.

"The purpose of the bill," according to the governor, "is to do away with the evils of unregulated and unlicensed drinking 'clubs.' Fake clubs have sprung up and operate as resorts for the drinking of hard liquor. The liquor commission has no authority over them."

Declaring that "the opposition to this bill comes almost exclusively from the small group of operators of these so-called 'clubs' who hope to reap continued profits if they can defeat this badly needed legislation," the governor urged the voters to support this bill by voting "yes" on this measure.

The two measures to meet with the governor's emphatic disapproval were the measures seeking repeal of the Knox liquor control act and the proposal to legalize marble boards, pin balls and other similar devices.

Of the first of these the governor declares that its adoption would "utterly destroy the present plan of liquor control in Oregon and turn the sale of hard liquors over to private dealers."

"This," the governor believes, "would simply mean the restoration of the open saloon."

Of the other measure which has met with his disapproval the governor declared "the very title is enough to condemn the bill." Referring to its sponsors as a "self-styled 'Oregon Tax Reduction and Old Age Pension League,'" the governor points out that the measure is the longest constitutional amendment ever submitted to the voters of Oregon whom he urges not to be deceived by the bait of tax reduction and contributions to old age pensions.

Ernest Fatland of Condon, speaker of Oregon's House of Representatives, became governor of Oregon again for a short time Sunday when Governor Charles A. Sprague left the state on a two-weeks speaking tour in the interest of the presidential candidacy of Wendell L. Willkie. The governor's itinerary will take him through eastern Washington, Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma and Utah.

Men in the Oregon national guard now in the army at Camp Clatsop, Washington will not lack for good reading material this winter, according to Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian. The state library this week shipped 575 volumes to Clatsop. The collection included western and detective stories as well as books of travel and adventure, biography and other popular non-fiction. Miss Long also explained that men in camp will have an opportunity to ask for books in technical fields and of enrolling for the free, non-credit reading courses offered by the state library.

Chinese Enters OSC on Award

Oregon State College—Directly from China's provisional capital in Chungking to the O. S. C. campus last week came Miss Keng Li, a Chinese student who will study home economics on the scholarship granted annually by the college Home Economics club.

A graduate of Pieping National university, Miss Li will specialize in home economics at the college in order to improve her work with the homemakers of her country, whom she feels have been neglected as far as education is concerned.

She will live at a home management house, where home economics co-eds learn practical phases of homemaking.

OSC TEAM CHAMPIONS

Oregon State College—The O. S. C. dairy judging team won first place among northwest colleges and university teams competing in the dairy judging contest at the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland. Don Porterfield of Oregon City won first place in judging all breeds, and Wallace Buholts of Corvallis was first in judging the Guernsey class. Other members of the team were Donald Smith, Marshfield, and Kenneth Croeni. The Dalles, alternate. Harold Ewalt, instructor in dairy husbandry, is the team coach.

Simple Method Given For Making Kraut

The newest idea in making sauerkraut is to make it in glass jars that hold just enough for a single meal, thus doing away entirely with the bother of using crocks and barrels, suggests Mrs. Mabel Mack, acting extension nutritionist at Oregon State college. This method is used to best advantage if you have a cool storage place and are planning to use the kraut during the winter.

The simple way of making sauerkraut right in the jars is to mix the shredded cabbage with the salt, 4 ounces to 10 pounds of cabbage, and pack it in the jars, Mrs. Mack explains. Place the rubbers and lids on the jars, but do not seal tightly. Have an enamel pan under the jars to catch juice as it bubbles out. Let the kraut stand for two or three days until there is a good gas formation. Then pour juice back and seal the jars. Allow the kraut to ripen for a month or six weeks, and then it is ready to serve.

When sauerkraut is to be kept until summer, it is best to make it in a crock or barrel and can it in glass jars after it has fermented for about 10 days. Have the sauerkraut thoroughly hot and then fork it into the jars. Put the rubbers and lids on the jars but do not seal. Place the jars in a bath of boiling water and continue heating for about five minutes until the water returns to boiling. Then seal the jars and continue heating them in the water bath—10 minutes for quart jars, and 15 minutes for 2-quart jars.

These methods have been worked out by Harry E. Gorseline, bacteriologist in the bureau of agricultural chemistry and engineering, United States department of agriculture, adds Mrs. Mack.

Bloat Deaths Caused By Poison Gas

That death from cattle bloat is caused by the poisonous nature of the gases concerned rather than by the pressure of these gases is the conclusion of R. W. Dougherty, assistant professor of veterinary medicine, after extensive research into this ancient malady conducted at the Oregon experiment station. Dr. Dougherty recently reported his findings to the American Veterinary Medical association at its national convention in Washington, D. C.

It was found that carbon monoxide, which is the poisonous exhaust gas of automobiles, and hydrogen sulphide, sometimes called "rotten-egg" gas because of a similar odor, was generated in abnormal quantities under bloat conditions.

Experiments were carried on with an animal which had been provided with an artificial opening*from the side into the stomach through which the nature of the gases generated could be studied. If these two gases mentioned were introduced into the stomach under even moderate pressure, she soon showed symptoms of bloat distress and had to be relieved to avoid death. Ordinary air, on the other hand, could be introduced under great pressure without causing any serious difficulty.

Tests made on a heifer which actually died of bloat revealed the gases in the paunch in about the proportions found dangerous in the experimental tests, and samples of the blood showed that it had absorbed large quantities of hydrogen sulphide gas into the blood stream, which was the probable cause of death.

Studies are being continued to reveal, if possible, methods of preventing or curing bloat, based on these hitherto unknown facts concerning it.

MARINE ENLISTMENT OPEN

Sgt. George T. Welk, U. S. Marines enlistment officer, was a Heppner visitor Tuesday. He reported that a marines enlistment station is being established in the Book Nook at Walla Walla which may be more convenient for Morrow county boys who wish to enlist in this department of the service. If applicants are accepted at Walla Walla their transportation will be paid to point of training. Boys who go to Portland to enlist and are rejected must pay their own way home.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT GETS ACTION OF COMMERCE GROUP

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Wightman and Orville Smith as a committee to further investigate the airport possibilities.

Appointed as a committee to promote a Christmas program for Heppner merchants were J. O. Peterson and George Howard.

Favorable consideration was given continuance of the merchants' free matinee at the Star theater and it was left in the hands of the committee headed by W. C. Rosewall to work out further necessary details.

It was voted to have the chamber sponsor a gate prize at the two remaining home high school football games, the first of which will be played tomorrow against Hermiston and the last on November 2 against Arlington.

Clifford Conrad reported for the sign committee that the chamber's membership sign would be put in place shortly.

C. J. D. Bauman reported that the athletic club would start work by the end of the week, using the swimming tank building. Both this work and the Red Cross first aid work, being promoted here October 28-November 2 by appearance of Dr. Frank E. Hull, he said are in line with the national defense program; the one to assist in developing physical stamina and the other to assist in meeting emergencies should any occur through war contingencies.

P. W. Mahoney, secretary, reported acknowledgement by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company of the chamber's request for better telephones in the city with word that the matter had been put in hands of proper company officials. As Chairman of roads committee, Mr. Mahoney reported recent contact of the county court with the state highway commission, and the court's work in behalf of rebuilding the Heppner-Lena road, completion of the Heppner-Condon road and improvement of Hardman hill road, all of which have the chamber's support.

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