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Salem.—When the state legislature convenes in January it will have before it a budget calling for appropriations out of the general fund totalling \$15,790,698.

According to Budget Director Eccles the amount which is approximately \$1,450,000 greater than appropriations approved by the last session, is still well within estimated revenues for the biennium.

Eccles explained that the budget as approved by the governor provides for an appropriation of \$2,500,000 out of the general fund for relief purposes, this amount to be in addition to profits from the state's liquor monopoly. The last relief budget included only \$600,000 from the general fund of the current biennium although there was a carry-over of \$1,500,000 in an untouched appropriation from the previous biennium. There is also provision in the 1941-42 budget for an appropriation of \$3,943,000 from general fund revenues within the six per cent constitutional limitation for support of the state's institutions of higher education. This sum will be in addition to special millage levies calculated to bring the state's contribution to higher learning up to a total of \$5,782,088, a reduction of \$421,000 from budget requests presented by the board of higher education.

Institution budgets approved by the governor call for appropriations totalling \$4,558,211, which is a small increase over appropriations for the current biennium.

Nineteen Oregon counties shared in the distribution of \$14,364.37 in Taylor Grazing fees this week, representing the state's share of revenues realized through leasing these federal lands for grazing purposes. Apportionment of the fund, made on the basis of the acreage of grazing lands contained in each county, ranged from a minimum of \$3.82 to Curry county to a maximum of \$4,757.35 to Malheur county. Other counties participating in the distribution of this fund included: Deschutes \$408.13, Sherman \$212.36, Harney \$3,593, and Wasco \$186.02.

More than 250 Oregon men between the ages of 21 and 36 years have already applied to their local boards for a chance to enlist for a year of military training in the regular army, according to Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. Oregon's quota of 83 men for the first contingent to be called into service this month will be selected from this list of volunteers, Wooten said, making it unnecessary to "draft" any Oregon men in the first call. Questionnaires have been sent to all of these volunteers and physical examinations are being conducted to determine their fitness for military service.

Oregon's presidential electors, chosen by the voters in the recent general election, will meet in Salem on December 16 to cast this state's five votes for Franklin D. Roosevelt and Henry C. Wallace as the state's choice for president and vice-president. The result of the vote will be sent to the president of the United States senate by registered air-mail, the custom of having this information taken to Washington by special messenger having been discontinued back in 1913.

Eight out of every ten "foreign" cars entering Oregon this year came from one of the ten western states, according to a report compiled by Secretary of State Snell. Washington, Idaho and California accounted for three-fourths of the state's tourist travel this year. The 120,445 out-of-state cars registered in Oregon this year represents a drop of 15 per cent in tourist travel as compared with the record for 1939.

The election is over but the post-mortems continue. About the only

consolation the Republicans of Oregon can glean from the result of the presidential contest is to be found in the fact that Roosevelt's lead in this state was substantially reduced from that piled up for the New Deal candidate in 1932 and again in 1936.

But the Roosevelt victory was not the only surprise administered the Republicans in this state. The strength displayed by A. L. Brown, democratic candidate for treasurer, and Bruce Spaulding, democratic candidate for attorney general, has also given the majority party leaders something to worry about.

Defeat of some of the ballot measures, all nine of which were rejected, can be laid to the doubtful "no" vote, always an important factor in Oregon elections. With interest in the campaign centered almost entirely on the presidential contest, the ballot measures were almost lost sight of with the result that thousands of voters went into the polling booths uninformed and, being in doubt, voted "no."

Speculation as to the next president of the Oregon state senate was set at rest this week when Douglas McKay of Salem announced his withdrawal from the race in favor of Senator Dean Walker of Polk county whose election is thus assured. Walker's election to the senate presidency will leave vacant the important post of chairman of the powerful ways and means committee which he has held for the past several sessions. Among those most prominently mentioned to succeed Walker in this post is Ronald Jones of Marion county who has served on the committee for the past two sessions. It is said that McKay would prefer to remain as chairman of the senate committee on roads and highways.

On the other side of the legislative chamber however, the battle for the speakership continues to wage between Robert Farrell, Jr., of Portland and Wm. McAllister of Medford, with John Steelhammer of Salem standing ready to jump into the breach if the contest between these two candidates should develop into a deadlock.

A total of 372 prisoners have been released from the state penitentiary since the new parole board was created in June, 1939, according to a report submitted by the board to Governor Sprague. Of this number 310 were released on straight paroles, 20 were paroled after commutations and six received conditional pardons.

Out-of-school youth between the ages of 17 and 25 years are to be offered opportunities for training in vocational agriculture, trades and industries and certain phases of home making under the national defense program of the state board of vocational education, the board decided at a meeting here this week.

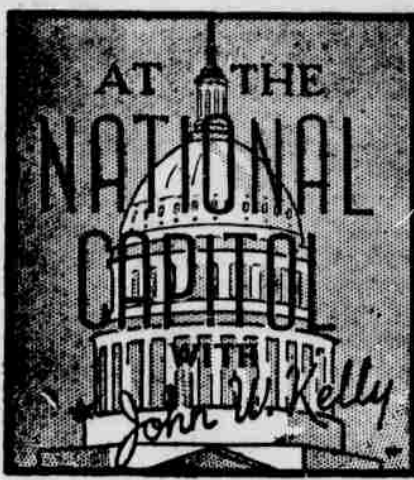
Republicans will control both houses of the next state legislature with 28 members in the house to 22 democrats, and 24 members of the senate to six democrats.

Snow Survey Work Expanded by SCS

Snow survey work throughout Oregon followed by water supply forecasts will be continued under the division of irrigation of the Soil Conservation service the same as for the past several years, according to word from R. A. Work, federal engineer stationed at the Medford branch experiment station and in charge of surveys for the past several years.

Because the task of gathering information on winter sports area snow and weather conditions has been turned over to the weather bureau, many have the impression that the snow survey work has been discontinued, says Work. W. W. McLaughlin, chief of the division of irrigation, has just issued a statement assuring all inquirers that the survey work is even being extended to additional watersheds and to more consideration of ground water conditions.

News for the man of the house. Give the lady of the house one of Myrtle's distinguished permanents for Christmas. 37f.



Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—Little publicity has been given to the worry the administration is having over the prospect of inflation, of prices going sky high and the cost of living soaring beyond the ability of the consumer to pay. Secret meetings have been held by high officials seeking methods of preventing boom prices without the drastic step of price fixing. Prices can be pegged by the government, but such a step would be unpopular, although possibly not with the purchasers.

At one of the executive meetings behind closed doors officials studied how commodity prices can be indirectly regulated. They decided a brake on rising prices can be applied by the government releasing its immense stock of wheat, corn, cotton and other commodities which it owns or on which it has made loans. These officials also considered lowering tariffs which would permit the importation of such commodities as were going too high. The Latin American countries whose friendship the United States courts, produce many commodities competing with farmers of the United States. It would be possible to curb prices on beef, turkeys, cotton, grains, etc., by allowing these items to come in from South America.

First step toward curbing a commodity price is the war department's announcement that Australian, New Zealand and South American wool can be used in uniforms and blankets. Heretofore only domestic wool could be used. War department is admitting foreign wool to prevent the price of American wool from going too high.

If automobile prices get out of line the officials believe the situation can be met by imposing a tariff tax. Same with radio sets and refrigeration appliances—factories making these articles are producing certain gadgets for national defense and reducing their output of ice boxes and radios.

For meeting inflation in real estate the officials believe this can be handled by HOLC and Farm Credit Administration tightening their credit requirements and the Federal Housing Administration increasing requirements on insured mortgages. As for bank loans, which might contribute to inflation, bank examiners under the comptroller of currency are in position to drop a few gentle hints.

The administration does not want a repetition of the exorbitant prices which prevailed during the first world war. Officials are aware that the 17 billion dollars already appropriated for national defense may well cause a boom, and they recognize that a boom will cause increased distress among the nine million unemployed. A paradox is that while administration officials are looking for a boom, other officials are planning to ask congress in January for more millions of dollars for relief.

Henry Ford makes parts of his automobiles from soy beans. Nylon hose comes from an industrial by-product. These and other developments have come from private research. Now the government intends investigating the industrial possibilities of apples, wheat, alfalfa, spuds, vegetables, and poultry by-products, such as egg white. A laboratory will be opened within a few months across the bay from San Francisco in the town of Albany. Waste from fruit canneries may, as a result of investigation and experimentation, prove more valuable than the canned product. Think of a complete bicycle made from a vegetable garden; it is now almost possible (except for tires) from soybeans, and there is a

synthetic rubber made principally from alcohol extracted from prunes, apples and pears.

Farm boys who have trap lines in the northwest may soon find the business more profitable. The army is in the market, or will be soon, for parkas to be worn by troops in Alaska. First to be outfitted will be the army flyers, then detachments of soldiers stationed in the colder sections of the territory. Last week the war department ordered several thousand skis, ski sticks and snowshoes for the Alaska contingent. (Also ordered several hundred thousand yards of mosquito bar for troops to be dispatched to the Philippines and the Caribbean sea). Army requirements for furs are expected to increase the price for raw skins.

For his success in obtaining flying fortress bombers and destroyers from the United States Ambassador Lothian has been awarded the Order of the Thistle by the British king... A princess of a royal family who flew from Europe is renting a house near the national capital and secret service men have to guard her... A representative has "extended remarks" in the Congressional Record which cost \$2,000 to print in that document... Next major move of President Roosevelt is to patch up the war between CIO and AFL and unite labor... At his first press conference after the election President Roosevelt reprimanded a reporter who inquired about a fourth term.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In the Matter of the Estate of John Harrison, Deceased.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the Estate of John Harrison, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present such claims, duly verified and with proper vouchers attached, to the undersigned at Randall & Perry's office in the tangier building, in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this 7th day of November, 1940.

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