

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- \$325,000 Hospital
- Two New Heads
- 25 Pct. from Taxes

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Salem.—Construction of the new \$325,000 treatment hospital at the state institution for the mentally diseased will be started soon. The new hospital was authorized by the recent legislative session. The board of control this week announced that an architect would be employed to draw the plans for the building at once. The new building will be three stories high and provide accommodations for 300 patients. It will be connected with the receiving hospital by a tunnel. Completion of the hospital will greatly relieve the congestion at the institution which now houses 2680 patients, according to Dr. J. C. Evans, superintendent.

The state's bonded debt was still further reduced this week when \$1,075,000 in highway bonds, \$700,000 in World War Veterans State Aid bonds, and \$35,250 in Oregon district interest bonds were retired. At the same time the state paid more than \$700,000 in interest on its outstanding securities. Bonds of the state still outstanding total slightly more than \$32,000 compared to a peak of \$66,062,810 on January 1, 1928.

Meeting here last Friday the agricultural committee of the state advisory council of the Oregon State Employment service urged that agriculture be given a priority in the distribution of labor in the national defense program. Copies of resolutions adopted by the committee have been submitted to President Roosevelt, Governor Sprague and members of the Oregon delegation in congress. The resolution asks that the national defense commission "place the activities of harvesting of crops in the same category as the labor requirements in industry so that during emergency periods workers will not be diverted from harvesting to certain defense projects."

The rising trend in the cost of living is closely reflected in prices quoted the state on supplies for state institutions. Especially is this rising trend noticeable in the price of meats. Quotations submitted the board this week offer bacon at 21 cents a pound compared to a price of 13½ cents quoted a year ago. Beef prices are up from \$10.70 to \$13.20 per 100 pounds. Veal and lard prices are also proportionately higher.

Two changes in institution heads are expected soon. The board of control is expected to announce its choice of a successor to Sam Laughlin as head of the State Training school for boys this week. Laughlin resigned more than two months ago, effective as of April 1 and while more than 40 men have applied for the post the board has delayed until now selection of a new superintendent. The resignation of Dr. W. D. McNary as superintendent of the Eastern Oregon State hospital at Pendleton is also expected daily. Dr. McNary announced some time ago that he planned to retire from the position but so far has not filed his formal resignation, pending the receipt of which the board will take no action looking toward the selection of a successor.

The weatherman is entitled to much of the credit for the big increase in gasoline consumption by Oregon motorists. Secretary of State Snell reports that gasoline sales during January and February this year are nearly 5,000,000 gallons above sales for the same period in 1940, an increase of 15.6 per cent. February gasoline consumption showed the greatest increase with a gain of 19.2 percent over February, 1940.

Taxes provide less than 25 percent of the state's revenues, according to Leslie M. Scott, state treasurer.

Of the more than \$149,000,000 collected and disbursed by the treasury department during the two year period ending December 31, 1940,

only \$35,300,000 came from taxes—property, income, gift and inheritance.

Property owners contributed only \$301,000 in ad valorem taxes toward the support of state government during the biennium. Gasoline taxes, the state's most prolific source of revenue, produced a total of \$23,932,478 during the two-year period. Income taxes yielded a total of \$10,115,000, inheritance taxes produced \$946,654 and gift taxes, \$117,739.

Uncle Sam was a generous contributor to the support of state government, with a total of \$12,754,920 in federal aid coming from Washington during the two year period. Of this amount \$5,972,298 went toward highway construction and the remainder toward the support of the state forestry department and the state department of vocational education.

Gross revenues of the liquor control commission for the two year period amounted to \$19,609,128 but only \$6,248,229 of this amount represented profit from liquor sales and fees and privilege taxes available for relief needs.

Motorists, in addition to the \$23,932,478 contributed through the medium of the gasoline tax also paid in a total of \$8,946,398 in registration, mileage and gross revenue fees.

Sportsmen contributed \$1,211,863 in fishing and hunting licenses towards the propagation and protection of game fish and birds and commercial fishermen paid in an aggregate of \$304,063 in poundage and other fees.

Collections of the industrial accident commission from employers and employees aggregated \$8,546,637 during the biennium while the unemployment compensation commission reported collections of \$24,167,111 in the 30 months ending December 31, last.

The state's "take" from pari mutuel betting on horse and dog racing amounted to \$225,830.

Other sources of state revenue included: Student fees, \$1,476,218; insurance company fees, \$1,749,868; corporation fees, \$630,869; department of agriculture fees, \$629,528; bureau of labor, inspection fees, \$122,762; payments by relatives of insane and tubercular patients, \$271,948; fees collected by self-supporting boards and commissions, \$654,853; interest on the common school fund, \$660,337; interest on bank deposits and investments, \$115,047; interest on loans to world war veterans, \$1,429,538; interest on investments of industrial accident commission, \$643,961.

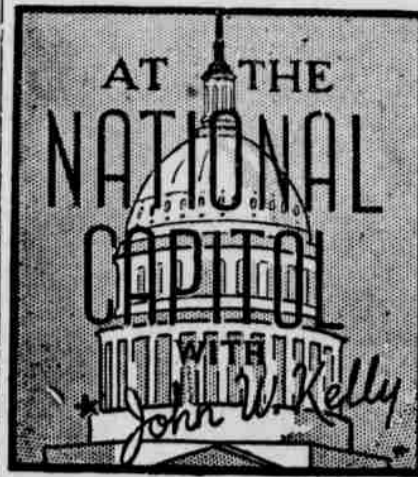
Negotiations are under way between the State Game commission and the State Land board for the purchase of 5441 acres of the dry bed of Summer lake in Lake county which the game commission wants to convert into a duck and goose hunter's paradise. The game commission has been given an option on the tract for a price of \$27,000 and consummation of the deal awaits approval by the federal government which is expected to provide the money. The lake bed, at one time a wide alkali expanse, has been developed by C. E. Williams of Summer lake, who has been operating under a lease from the land board. Prior to this development by Williams there were no ducks or geese on the lake but in recent years thousands of these wild fowl have flocked to the area attracted by the nut grass which provides natural seed feed for migratory water fowl.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of R. H. Lane, deceased, has filed with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, his final account of his administration of said estate, and that said Court has fixed Monday, the 7th day of April, 1941, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day in the County Court room at the Court House at Heppner, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate and all persons having objections thereto are hereby required to file the same in said court on or before the time set for said hearing.

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R. F. PHILLIPS,
Administrator.



Washington, D. C., April 3.—If the repeated assertions of Martin Dies and members of his committee which is investigating un-American activities are correct, then many of the strikes staged in plants having defense orders have been in charge of and manipulated by communists. Purpose of the communists, contends Dies, is to slow down production, stop it when possible, disorganize the workers and prevent the United States making a united front in the period of great emergency.

Day after day Representative Dies has declared, and published in the Congressional Record, the names of communists who are participating in these strikes. The names have been gathered by the committee during its long investigation and are attested as the truth; innumerable of the names being identified by communist witnesses, and with each name announced by Dies he is giving, in addition to their party connection, a list of communistic activities in which these men (and some women) are engaged. No one has yet challenged the accusations of Dies.

A survey of the various major strikes shows that they have taken place in the plants which furnish material for other plants; these are key industries, where a breakdown in production affects and ties up from three to four to a dozen other important plants which are dependent on the key plant for certain supplies. The first plant affected was the Vultee aircraft establishment in California. Instigator of the strike there was, according to Dies, a communist sent there for that particular job. The International Harvester strike is another instance, where the union is dominated by communists. The Allis-Chalmers plants, which was closed down months ago, made parts of machinery for the navy essential for the navy program; made parts for electrical devices to be used in turbines, and many other things. Representative Dies names the communists supposedly dominating that strike.

With the Bethlehem strike, staged by the Steel Workers organization committee (CIO), Dies has called the roll of scores of known communists who are on the payroll of the SWOC. A Pacific coast plant making a special part for all airplanes being produced was closed by strike organized by a communist of known prominence in the party, Dies charges. After 10 days this strike was ended, just as the several aircraft factories were about ready to stop work for want of the missing part.

Plants built to make powder have been held up waiting the termination of the Allis-Chalmers strike, which started January 22. This strike has delayed the navy program for destroyers for a quarter of a year. The American Car & Foundry Co. was closed by strike and this prevented the manufacture of wheel drums for the Yellow Cab Co., with a contract for \$83,000,000 of army trucks. Motor Wheel Co. has a contract for equipment for British anti-aircraft batteries. The list of strikes is interminable. Mostly they are called by CIO, although AFL is responsible for the strike at Wright Field, which was finally broken up by the army. AFL struck at the Todd Shipyard in Texas and 2,000 men walked out because a foreman, with the yard for many years, did not belong to the carpenters' union.

Principal criticism against AFL, in congress, is that it is working a racket in charging heavy initiation fees; that an American citizen cannot get a job digging a ditch without joining an AFL union. At one cantonment a union squeezed more than \$350,000 from men asking a work permit. Charges against CIO and AFL are that they are working for

a closed shop on every bit of defense work, but each organization wants to control the work or plants where defense projects are under way. The government has done nothing about the closed shop, but congress is threatening to act. With CIO Dies is asserting communist influence. Most government contracts are on the cost-plus fixed fee, the fee being an average of three percent; the profit of the employer is small, and Uncle Sam, through the income tax, will get most of that.

Contractors are worried about a straight bid, because a strike upsets their schedule of costs and a change in wages can make a loss instead of a profit. The labor situation has given most of the contractors on the Pacific coast the jitters. Conciliators from the department of labor have not settled matters with speed; have not settled anything in some cases. The super-mediation board of 11 men appointed by the president has no authority to do anything until it has been appealed to after all other peace efforts have failed; then the super-mediators can do nothing but talk to the interested parties.

President Roosevelt has urged the American people to make sacrifices, as has Mrs. Roosevelt, and the general public appears to be willing to go along without asking more pay, time and a half, shorter hours; but not so the unions, who have made no sacrifices as yet.

Fishermen Asked To Report Catches

Mr. Fisherman, do you want better fishing in your favorite lake or stream?

If you do, you can furnish valuable aid to the game commission's program of stream survey and fish liberation if you acquire the habit of reporting your catch after each fishing trip.

Catch report cards, needing neither signature nor postage, can be obtained at your sporting goods store, and game commission officials urge every angler to obtain a supply of these cards and send them in after each fishing expedition during the coming season.

The commission is using four crews to survey lakes and streams in the state, and the information sent in by the fishermen will be of tremendous importance in making the final determination of the amount and species to release in the waters of the state.

So to every fisherman goes the earnest request that regular use of the catch report cards be made during the entire fishing season of 1941.

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