

## STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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Salem.—In turning thumbs down on Governor Sprague's plea for a second term the voters of Oregon have run true to form. Not since Governor Withycombe was re-elected in 1918—24 years ago—has this honor been conferred upon a chief executive of this state. Incidentally Withycombe is the only republican to have been elected to a second term as governor since statehood. In the period of 84 years only four governors have been re-elected to that high office. The other three were democrats—LaFayette Grover in 1874; Sylvester Pennoyer in 1890, and George E. Chamberlain in 1906.

The Senior Citizens Annuity committee, a group of Salem men interested in more adequate assistance for the needy aged, have initiated a measure providing for a system of state old age retirement insurance. The measure, which it is hoped to present to the voters in November, provides for the payment of monthly retirement insurance to every resident of the state 65 years of age or over whose annual income does not exceed \$240. The plan would be financed by monthly premiums of not less than \$1 levied against every able bodied adult regardless of earnings. Persons with large incomes would pay proportionately more into the fund. The amount of retirement pay would be determined by dividing the amount in the insurance fund each month by the number of applicants for retirement pay. In addition to the premium payments from individuals the state would be required to contribute from its tax revenues an amount equivalent to 50 cents for each dollar of premium collected.

Two reports released in Salem this week reflect the constantly improv-

ing employment situation. Records of the employment service show only 17,532 job applications on file, the lowest in the history of this department. A year ago there were 33,815 persons seeking jobs through this agency, nearly double the present figure. Practically all of the current job seekers are unskilled workers who are not qualified to fit into the present defense program with industries begging for thousands of workers to fill jobs. At the same time the Unemployment Compensation commission reported that April benefit payments totalled only \$202,568, or 26 percent under payments for April, 1941. Benefit payments for the current year to date are reported at seven percent below those for the first four months of 1941.

When the legislature of 1929 enacted a law providing for the serving of summons against non-resident motorists involved in automobile accidents through the secretary of state, the law makers left a gaping loop hole through which one California motorist has just escaped the consequences of a damage action. The motorist in question, one James E. Pardee of Susanville, California, refused to accept service of summons through the secretary of state on the ground that he was not the owner of the car which he was driving at the time of the accident. This contention was upheld by the state supreme court last week in an opinion in which it was held that the act of 1929 applied only to non-resident automobile owners.

According to the annual report of A. A. Rogers, state superintendent of banks, the banks of this state reported resources of \$503,358,169 at the close of 1941, a gain of more than \$90,000,000 during the year, and approximately \$200,000,000 in the past four years.

The patriotism of Oregon's volunteer army of harvest hands will be put to the acid test within the next week or so when a call will go out for more than 50,000 men, women and children, mostly in family groups, to harvest what is expected to be one of the largest berry crops western Oregon has experienced in

recent years. According to L. C. Stoll, Oregon director of United States employment service, women and students who registered during recent months will not be called upon until after the community labor supply and available migratory workers have been exhausted. Younger children will be expected to work only in family groups or under adequate supervision.

Pre-election estimates of a 40 percent vote were approximately correct as revealed by Friday's voting with the republicans polling slightly more than 50 percent of their registration because of the greater interest in the gubernatorial contest and the democrats slightly less than 30 percent of their registration.

Valuations of public utilities in Oregon have increased by approximately \$12,700,000 in the last ten months, according to figures released by the state tax commission. All categories contributed substantially to the increase with the exception of express companies and small telephone companies. Greatest increase in valuations is shown by steam railroads which jumped from \$138,962,345 to \$143,692,826. Electric utility valuations increased from \$106,632,692 to \$110,674,636 and valuations of electric railroads from \$2,902,984 to \$4,461,780.

Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, has called on all the pupils in all Oregon schools to help prepare for a state-wide celebration of flag day, June 14, by suggesting to parents and neighbors that each home be supplied with an American flag and that it be displayed on that day at least. Whenever possible Putnam suggests that the flags of all the United Nations be included in the display.

At least three prominent members of Oregon's official family have been granted leaves of absence during the past week in order to join Uncle Sam's armed forces. Win C. Clark, chief clerk in the Salem office of the state liquor control commission, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the administrative branch of the army air corps; Francis T. Wade, an assistant to Attorney General Van Winkle since 1934, has been called to active duty as a captain in the army; Sidney George, chief claim inspector for the Industrial Accident commission, has been commissioned a first lieutenant of military police in the marine corps. George, a veteran of the first World War, has been with the commission for more than 20 years.

Governor Sprague has appealed to Leon Henderson, director of the office of price administration, for a relaxation in his price freezing order as applied to canned goods in order that Oregon canneries may not be compelled to suspend operations. Cannery operators have complained that, because of increased wages and material costs they will be unable to operate under the price freezing order which fixes the price of their product at the 1941 level. The governor pointed out in his telegram to Henderson that suspension of cannery operations would not only be a serious blow to producers of berries, fruits and vegetables but to consumers as well.

Oregon's 20 traffic fatalities during April were down 50 percent from the April, 1941 record, according to Secretary of State Snell.

### Irrigation Equipment Still Available Here

Oregon irrigation equipment dealers still have a considerable volume of supplies on hand available for immediate delivery for increasing the use of irrigation this year, according to reports received by the extension service at Oregon State college.

Some farmers are reported hesitating to purchase irrigation equipment for raising intensive crops because of uncertainties of the labor problem, but this same situation makes greater use of irrigation by livesock farmers advisable, extension men point out. Good irrigated pastures reduce the amount of labor by decreasing the help required for feeding and feed production. Irrigated pasture will help meet Oregon's dairy products quota, they say.

### LIBERTY LIMERICKS



A barber named Archibald Weedum  
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### Franked Mail Victim Inspires Poet's Ode

Art King, extension specialist in soils, but now in charge of organizing the state-wide emergency farm fire protection project, is on both the sending and receiving end of the current deluge of official and semi-official mail in connection with the war effort. As an introduction to one of his recent general letters on the fire control project, he wrote the following parody, which might be termed "The Soliloquy of a Franked Mail Victim."

"To read, or not to read, that is the question,  
Is it nobler in the mind to let them pass unnoticed,  
Read and forget, pile and file, or merely pile  
And with a fire end them?  
To study, to can and put away, or only put away?  
Aye, there's the rub,  
For in these current reams of mail should be an idea  
Useful to me and those I serve.  
I find it not—and Hamlet committed suicide  
Before franked envelopes were invented."

King's letters must be getting results inasmuch as all 36 counties report excellent response to the organization work, with indications that farm fire protection this year will be the best ever attained in Oregon.

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