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STEIWER ACTING GOVERNOR

The past week here at the capital was comparatively quiet. Acting governor W. H. Steiwer, president of the senate, conducted state business of the executive department by mail and telephone from his home in Fossil. He appointed Dr. V. P. Morris of Eugene, C. W. Pecore and Mrs. William Kletzer, the last two of Portland, as members of the recently created merit system council.

Governor Earl Snell, who is in Hershey, Pa., attending the national governors conference, appointed Mrs. Merideth Bailey of Sisters, Ore. a member of the Oregon state library board of trustees for a five-year term beginning June 2 and W. W. Parsons of Baker, Ore. for a five-year term as a member of the Oregon board of pharmacy.

CRIME GRAPH UNCHANGED

A slight increase in juvenile crimes and a similar decrease in crimes by mature persons has kept the crime records where they were before the war.

Fifty-seven members of the Oregon state police have entered the military service with a substantial number in combat war zones. According to the annual report of Charles Pray, superintendent of state police, 107 employees, largely field operatives, have resigned, died or entered military service.

Records of the department also reveal a number of outstanding functions of the department resulting from the war. One is seeking out black markets, another the investigation of ration regulation violators and a third providing convoys for military units passing the state.

FEDERAL FUNDS FADE

Oregon's allocation of federal funds for post-war highway construction may be cut in half said R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, upon his return from Washington, D. C. this week. A bill just introduced in congress would reduce by 50 percent Oregon's allocated \$1,000,000 a year for three years. A bill introduced by Rep. James Mott of Oregon, would restore the original allocations, plus federal funds. Mott failed in an attempt to get his bill approved by the house road committee.

FLAX AID LAX

Days of state paternalism for the flax industry as a whole are past in Oregon, at least for the duration of the war, the state board of control intimated as it instructed the state flax expert to take from his calling list nine flax plants in the state. He was, however, authorized to travel to any plant in the state where his services should be requested.

The action grew out of a study of mileage figures, showing that 8,000 of the more than 18,000 miles he drove last year were to, and from other plants.

STATES RIGHTS

"With 50 percent of the land of western states federally owned and with the government holdings gradually being enlarged, it is high time that congress recognize the inequalities of the tax situation and pass remedial legislation," says Earl Day, member of the state tax commission. He points to the taking off the tax rolls the land secured for the operation of Camp Adair. This meant that 50 percent of the valuation of property values was lost to 10 school districts, however, all services, including education, schools and law enforcement must be maintained.

RETURNS SLOW

Ten days after the primary election of May 19 only one-half of Oregon's counties had recorded complete returns to the secretary of state. Canvass of votes is expected to be compiled by June 3rd, according to David O'Hara, head of the elections division of the state.

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They Do Not Forget

There is one day that remains truly American, something that Hitlerism cannot destroy. That is Decoration day. While we are struggling to maintain a civilization for the living, we do not forget our loved ones who lie peacefully on the hillside.

There was a time, not so many years ago, when Decoration day was observed with a good bit of formality. Perhaps there was a parade to the cemetery where a program appropriate to the occasion was given. The departed were eulogized and there was playing of patriotic music by the band. It was not a gala occasion but rather a solemn one. Today the parade and program are absent but the spirit of love and devotion is as strong as ever. We go quietly to the silent city, clean our family plots and decorate the graves and just as quietly steal away knowing full well that if those for whom this work of love is done could speak they would say "well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The time is not far distant when once again there will be a parade to the cemetery, with a program of eulogy, patriotic music and the sounding of taps. There will be a younger generation to take over and while their manner may differ from their elders, the same urge to carry out the tradition of Decoration (or Memorial) day will be just as strong for they will have fought a bitter war to have the privilege of observing the day in the true American manner.

previous drive if Morrow county is to attain its quota of \$356,000. This is deemed the tightest financial period of the year and we are confronted with one of the biggest quotas yet meted out.

The treasury department realizes and appreciates the value of newspaper advertising in promoting the bond drives. Success of previous campaigns is attributed in a large measure to the advertising and editorial sponsorship of the newspapers. Treasury officials realize that the country press in particular, where the editor is known by the newspaper's subscribers, bears much weight in the community and a check of publicity following each bond campaign has disclosed that communities attaining their quotas in good season have been thoroughly publicized editorially and with a generous patronage of newspaper advertising from local business concerns.

It is the desire of the treasury department that business houses make an appeal individually. A community advertisement is all right as an endorsement but personal appeal is lacking in that type of advertising. Wherever possible it is suggested that merchants devote their regular space to promotion of the bond campaign and irregular and non-advertisers are urged to take space during the selling period. It is all a matter of making the public bond conscious, and not just a case of filling the newspaper with display advertising. It is all a part of the general program of winning the war.

Not a Political Campaign

When discussing war bond issues it must be kept in mind that the several bond campaigns are under consideration rather than the current political campaign. The war bond campaign is completely non-political.

Just as invasion and the winning of victory is everybody's job and responsibility, so is the promotion and sale of war bonds. Numbered among the five million volunteer war bond salesmen are people of all parties, races and creeds, with one common denominator—they are all true Americans. So, it is important that there be no misunderstandings as to the non-political status of the war bond campaign.

To keep the record straight, the Gazette Times will not foster purchase of war bond campaign advertising by one or the other of the political parties, neither will use of such space be accepted from individual candidates. The war bond campaign must be participated in by all citizens and the injection of politics could lead to defeat.

War Loan Advertising

Another war loan drive is in the offing and already publicity material is coming to the newspaper office desk. As the campaign of selling is a headache to the bond committee, so is the matter of selling publicity a worry to the newspaper publishers. In other words, neither the selling of bonds nor the selling of publicity is a pleasant task—one that would be chosen in preference to a less important job.

The trouble is that all of us are in this war up to our chins and have no alternative but to see it through, unless we deliberately lie down on the job. Each and every one of us is expected to do his or her part and we all know that carrying on with a war is not child's play. Instead of growing easier, each bond drive appears to be growing more difficult and the Fifth War Loan campaign will require greater effort on the part of the bond committee and more persistent publicity than any

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