

EDITORIAL

Sounds Reasonable

Murray Wade, whose Capital Parade column is used somewhat irregularly by the Gazette Times, comes forth with an observation relative to salaries of state officials which sounds reasonable. He heads his comment, "Escalator Salaries," and has the following to say:

"If living costs are to be used as a yardstick for raising salaries, why should they not be used as a yardstick in lowering them when living costs go down?"

"Salaries are invariably raised during prosperous times but when the going gets gummy for the rest of us the salaries of state officials remain the same. They are never reduced. The ways and means committee has taken up this idea and plans to introduce a bill that will put these salaries on an elastic basis."

Why not include all tax-paid salaries where a reduction would not work injury on those involved? The point is, of course, to prove that no injury will be worked on the officials.

A Dangerous Crossing

With erection of a building on the corner of May and Court streets a new traffic problem has been created. Heretofore, car drivers and pedestrians alike had sufficient range of vision along north Court street to avoid collisions or getting run over, as the case might be. Now that range is narrowed down and it would be reassuring, to pedestrians at least, if some provision were made for slowing down traffic on that corner.

Without appearing critical, it seems the city has been remiss in establishing crossings and a walk to and from the courthouse. Why has there not been a walk along the north side of the street from Chase street to the Willow creek bridge, and a continuation of the walk from the bridge to Court street? Every consideration has been given the man with a car but none to the lowly pedestrian.

For safety's sake, as well as a modicum of comfort and assurance to the pedestrian, something should be done about this matter. The courthouse is one of the principal business houses of the town. Not all of the visitors to the seat of the county government drive the short distance from the business center and it is for these people, their comfort and safety, that this plea is made.

We would suggest that the city join with Mr. Schwarz in establishing a broad walk in front of the new store; that a walk be built from the east approach of the bridge to join the store from the walk and that a pedestrian lane be marked across Court street to the courthouse

walk. A similar lane should be established from the opposite corner of May and Court and suitable traffic warnings placed for the benefit of motorists. Then, if the county officials will adopt parallel parking in front of the courthouse the way will be cleared for unimpeded traffic along that portion of Court street.

Had A Lot of Trees

Those first settlers, the Pilgrims, could have had no conception of what lay beyond the rock-ribbed New England shores when they first set foot upon the New World. They could not have known even in their lifetime what lay beyond the New England hills and only recently has an estimate been made.

How much wood was growing in America's primeval forests ten years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock?

The National Lumber Manufacturers Association thinks it has the answer. Studies indicate, it says, that there were 8,125 billion board feet of trees standing in 1630 in this country. In the 300 years since then, 9,500 billion board feet have grown to supply America's needs.

Only a small part of our forestry resources (3,259 billion feet) were used for lumber, the association says. The greatest consumption was by natural causes such as insects, fire and disease. Clearings and cutting for fuel accounted for another part.

A Step in the Right Direction

Decision by the council to improve the city's water system is a step in the right direction and one that will meet with approval of a majority of the citizens. Assurance of ample water supply is encouraging to present residents and offers inducement for expansion of our population.

The improvement contemplated will, naturally, involve expenditure of a large sum of money and will necessitate the floating of a bond issue. It is one of those things that happen to a town now and then and comes from a demand for improvement that will fully justify the expenditure. Construction of a huge reservoir, boring a new well and relaying most of the mains in the city—the trunk mains, at least—will cost a good round figure.

The work program adopted by the city council Monday evening must be done before a move can be made towards putting in a sewer system, which is a sizeable project in itself. These improvements are the price we must pay if we are to progress. Without them we will not even remain stationary. We will go backwards—and we can't afford to do that.



SPECIAL ELECTION

As the 44th legislative session of Oregon rolls toward a record length—it is now generally conceded it will at least equal the record of 69 days established in 1945—the necessity of an annual session is emphasized. Several states, including Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York, have annual legislative sessions. There are many who will howl at such a suggestion, those who thoughtlessly dislike policemen and legislators. Two years between sessions is too long, too long a lapse for the members and too long a lapse for public interest. The largest businesses in the state and the nation have meetings of their boards of directors from one to four times a month. Imagine them having a meeting only once in two years! There is the plan of having all votes recorded and the abolishment of the standing vote and the "aye and nay" vote. Those matters have aroused enough interest at this session that they may be initiated and put to a vote of the people at a special election this summer, along with the referendum on the overruling of Governor Earl Snell's veto of the power companies bill, the sales tax measure and probably several others.

NEW LAWS

Bills passed by both the Senate and the House and signed the past week by Governor Snell were of a minor nature, as compared with legislation now in committee, and include HB 117, providing transfer of commercial fishing licenses; HB 273, transfers an unexpended balance from revolving fund of public welfare commission to the public assistance fund; HB 72, increases salaries of Curry county officials; HB 97, allows all banks in state to make time deposits in banks in other cities; HB 153, changes annual expiration date of butter makers and cheese makers from July 1 to January 1; HB 197, appropriates \$10,000 derived from insurance premium tax to expenses of enforcing motor vehicle responsibility act; SB 58, provides that committees of stockholders to inquire into conduct of banks and trust companies; SB 50, authorizes superintendent of banks to appoint assistants to bank examiners; SB 62, authorizes trust companies of Multnomah county to establish branches.

STATE TAX COMMISSIONER DIES

Funeral services for Charles V. Galloway, head of the state tax commission's property tax division, were held at McMinnville Tuesday of this week. Galloway, a member of the commission since 1919, died at a Portland hospital February 20th. He was 69 years old and had been in poor health for several years. In 1902, when he was only 24 years old, he was elected to the legislature. Galloway is the second member of the three-man commission to die in recent weeks. C. A. McKenna having died shortly before legislature convened.

STRINGS ON WAA GIFT

The war assets administration has rejected the state board of education's request for change in a proposed contract by which the state would take over the Klamath marine barracks for use as a vocational school. Conditions were made that the state must use the barracks exclusively for educational purposes for 25 years. The board wants the time reduced to 10 years.

The legislature is considering the acceptance of another proffered gift from the federal government, the army hospital at Camp Adair which cost between five and six million dollars. A legislative investigating committee who recently visited the buildings near Medford told the House and Senate, "It would be unthinkable for the state to fail to take advantage of this opportunity. It is one of the finest—if not the finest—army camp hospital in the country."

COMEDY RELIEF

Two of Oregon's officials have more worries than all the rest put together. Dr. John Evans, superintendent of the Oregon state hospital for forty years and George Alexander, superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary for eight years are unusual executives doing wonders under unavoidable conditions. The buildings at both institutions are old firetraps with outmoded facilities. Efficient help of any kind is a problem. They live under a constant strain—the probability of a major disaster. Says Dr. Evans, "George wonders when I might have to turn the key on him over here and I speculate on when I might crack and he would turn the key on me at his institution."

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case drove to Portland Saturday where they met Gus Nikander for the transaction of some business. Gus came from Los Angeles for the meeting. He is somewhat improved and will return home with his family about April 1, according to Case.

What South America Sends Us



Six vital sealanes link the U.S. with South America. Over them American ships bring to your icebox, store, counters and to American factories, many products and raw materials which we must have.

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times, Thursday, Feb. 22, 1917. A recent deed placed on file at the court house transfers the Hynd-Thompson ranch on Willow creek just above lone to Alex Lindsay. Sam Turner came in from his Sand Hollow home today. He has been busy hauling lumber out to the Piper ranch where Jesse Turner is building a new house. A public dance will be given at the Dry Fork hall Saturday evening, according to Leonard Carlson of that place. The dance will be given by the Farmers Union and proceeds will be used in repairing the hall. O. C. Stephens and John Allen were down from Hardman Saturday, each bringing a load of the John Adams wheat. They found it pretty hard getting to town, owing to the soft roads. Mrs. Jess Beardley of The Dalles is visiting friends and relatives in Heppner this week. Twin daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Farley at the Heppner sanatorium last Thursday. Mrs. C. C. Chick and son Charles of lone, accompanied by Mrs. C. W. McNamer, were visitors in our city Saturday last.

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Mrs. Sara McNamer returned the last of the week from the southwest, where in company of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Fortner of Portland she spent several weeks in Arizona and southern California. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas went to Boardman to visit a few days at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Fortner.

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BLIND YET OPERATES CHICKEN FARM



Operating a sizable chicken farm near Waxahachie, Texas, although blind, World War II veteran Otis L. White is shown stapling a new fence into place. Young Jimmy White, who has complete confidence in his pop, assists by holding his cane. White, who had 200 broilers ready for market when this photo was taken, attends a weekly Veterans Administration-approved vocational agriculture school.

WHEEL-CHAIR BUS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engkrat will attend a Kaiser-Frazier dealers meeting in Salem Saturday.



Walter Ellsworth, patient at McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital, Richmond, Va., adjusts a safety bar holding his wheel chair in place preparatory to a ride in the new, specially equipped bus recently obtained for transporting wheelchair patients.

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