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## The "Federal Plan" of Reapportionment for Oregon Recalls Nation's Historic Stand

Of prime importance to all residents of Eastern Oregon is the proposed constitutional amendment that will appear on the ballot at next year's general election calling for the "Federal Plan" of re-apportionment of the state. The fight is just starting with many of the more populous areas of Oregon bucking the proposal, yet support is beginning to be seen and heard, too, and one of the most recent articles we have run across appeared in the December 10 Oregon Voter under the by-line of Ralph T. Moore.

Here in this area we don't need to be "sold" on the plan for we are nearly 100 percent in favor of it, but below we are reprinting the Voter article for we believe it deserves the widest possible circulation.

The so-called "federal plan" for representative apportionment in the state legislature is getting rough treatment at the hands of the Portland press and also seems to be awakening only mild down-state interest. This is unfortunate because the idea merits careful consideration. Perhaps it will get more public interest as time goes on. For Oregon voters have consistently made up their minds contrary to the press preachings.

Objection centers, of course, on the senate provision that allocates on an area rather than population basis. No objection is either made or anticipated with respect to house apportionment which is on population.

The pattern for the idea, our national U. S. Senate apportionment, was designed to protect the constitutional rights of minorities against tyranny of majorities. The provision was regarded with extreme skepticism by nearly all European political leaders of that era. They saw in it the guarantee of certain doom for the great American experiment in government. They were certain that the conflicting and competing interests of the people would generate the jealousies and distrust that would disrupt unity and block progress. But the common, intense desire to be free and to assure all freedoms secured the senate provision in perpetuity without appreciable discord.

The European prophets of doom were confounded and utterly astonished when the provision strengthened rather than weakened the national unity. It produced a statesmanship of every high order and prestige and has been fully accepted as an integral part of our government. It remains unchallenged in equity today except by left-wing elements who find it a stern deterrent to their schemes for social revolution.

So drastic a change in Oregon's legislative structure is bound to stir up heavy controversy and be strongly opposed in the larger population centers where fear of losing representative equity would prevail. In fact there is small doubt but what the original provision would fail of adoption if being proposed today. New York would certainly refuse consent to Nevada's having equal representation in the U. S. Senate. Yet the plan has worked surpassingly well in promoting the greater interests of the nation as a whole. The calibre of senators continues high as an average and differs little from that at the beginning. The device of equal senate representations has certainly been effective in checking all budding tyranny in our fair land, whether such tyranny be at the hands of an arrogant majority or an overly ambitious political leader.

The key to the appraisal of this proposed "federal plan" of apportionment is prior determination of exact form of government we want for Oregon. Shall our state take the monolithic form of empire, with charter of counties as executive agents of the state, or shall it take the form of an association of autonomous counties sub-servient to the state in matters that involve relationships with other states, the federal government, or inter-county affairs that require the state's regulatory prerogatives?

Press objection to date indicates preference for the monolithic form of empire. It proceeds from the premise that the county is a creature of the state and, as such, can not have actual sovereignty status. But the counties are regarded as sovereign in most functions though not in some. There is no firm consistency in county-state relationship except when highly controversial issues of state-wide concern make it conveniently expedient to put the counties on their own. The county is sovereign when such status is politically preferable and only a province when the reverse is true. Before anybody, including the public press, should undertake to define the county status we would decide which we prefer, the monolithic empire type or the mutual association type of state government.

One wonders whether the people of today could muster the nobility and unity that prevailed at the first founding of our nation. Concern then was for mutual survival and preservation of freedom. Now it is for equity at the federal pay-window. Freedom is taken for granted as our standards revert from basis in fixed spiritual landmarks to a floating relativity amendable to frequent change by current political caprice. The "federal plan" has kept the congress on the beam for a long time. It should work equally well in cementing state unity.

From Files of the Gazette Times  
December 17, 1925  
Commissioner Bleakman got home the end of the week from Portland, having spent a day or two in the city attending the meeting of the state highway commission, with whom he discussed the Heppner-Spray road proposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Tindal Robison of Eight Mile have had as their guest for the past three weeks, Miss Pearl Owens of Portland, a niece of Mr. Robison.

Johan Troedson and son were visitors here on Friday. Mr. Troedson having matters of business to attend to in the city.

Mesdames Elmer Slocum, Fred Lucas, S. S. Strodman and J. C. White were here in attendance at the meeting of Ruth chapter No. 32, O. E. S. Friday evening from Lexington.

Barney Doherty was up from Alpine Saturday, being an interested stockman attending the meeting of forest permittees in the afternoon.

Lowell McMillan of Heppner, junior in commerce at O. A. C., won six of the eleven prizes given by the O. A. C. Daily Barometer to the day and night editors putting the paper "to bed" the earliest each week.

In effect. About a third of them would have received smaller checks, with half of these getting no checks at all.

**POLICE SCHOOL**  
A five-day police basic training school sponsored by the City Police and Sheriff Association opened at Salem Monday.

Peace officers from 20 Oregon cities are enrolled in the functional series to train new officers. Salem's Chief, Clyde Warren, selected Captains Glenn Bowman and Ersel Munding as instructors along with FBI and state police officers.

**McKAY IN HAWAII**  
Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay flew from Washington, D. C., Thursday and arrived in Salem Friday after a brief stop in Portland where he conferred with Republican leaders. At Salem he visited with state officials and left late Friday for Honolulu where he will address the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. The secretary is accompanied on the trip by Mrs. McKay and

his executive secretary Miss Alene Phillips.  
The McKays are due to return to Salem Dec. 20 to spend the holidays with their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hadley and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Green.

Secretary McKay is expected to give several addresses in Oregon before returning to Washington Jan. 2.

**RECENT LEGAL OPINIONS**  
Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton released the following opinions on Oregon laws this week:

A county court may enact building codes and sub-division regulations governing the width and location of streets without prior approval by vote of the people on the question of zoning and land use regulations. Upon such vote, however, powers of the county court would be broadened to include adoption of additional regulations where necessary to carry out development patterns or plans, such as requiring provision for adequate water supply, sewage and drainage, recreation and other such needs.

The Legislative Highway Interim Committee, created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 25, is duly authorized to enter into agreement relating to the duties specified in the resolution creating it and to expend money therefor. The Legislature cannot appropriate money by resolution but can by general law appropriate money for the payment of the expenses of an interim committee created by joint resolution.

### Safety Hints Listed For Christmas Trees

Keeping the water level high enough on the Christmas tree is the key to a greener tree and a safer holiday season.

Charles Ross, Oregon State college farm forestry specialist, advises making a diagonal cut in the tree stem and placing it in a container that holds enough water to submerge the cut. Commercial tree holders often are not deep enough to be effective, he says.

Chemicals used to protect trees from bursting into flames have not been practical, according to Ross. Ammonium sulfate, once commonly used, can no longer be recommended.

Freshly cut trees do not burn easily but conditions that encourage fires are more abundant at holiday time. Ross suggests extra precautions be taken against overloaded circuits, congested

places, added furnace loads and accumulations of combustible materials.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spaulding were weekend visitors to Portland.

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**FRINGE AREA PROBLEMS**  
County judges and commissioners are now rapidly approaching unanimity for a pattern of extension of regulatory powers in fringe areas around cities outside but immediately adjacent to city limits.  
Marion County Judge Rex Hartley has given the legislative interim committee, studying the fringe area problem, a commentary on his investigations. As briefed they are:

1. Control establishment of

activities outside of incorporated towns which create added police or health problems.

2. Control of platting or new tracts outside of incorporated towns to assure proper road and sewage facilities.
3. Control activities outside of incorporated towns which interfere with a change natural, or legally established drainage.
4. Authority to audit the fiscal records of all tax levying agencies except those of an incorporated town.

**UNEMPLOYMENT JUMPS**  
All of the 26 offices of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, except Astoria, reported higher unemployment figures in November than in October. On the first of December there were 37,700 persons unemployed. This total is the highest since last May and is 16,000

more than in October.  
There were 3,250 persons added to the unemployment relief rolls in Portland in November. Lay-offs also were heavy in Lebanon, Roseburg, Hood River and The Dalles.

**NO-JOB PAY UP '56**  
Larger benefits for almost two-thirds of unemployment pay claimants is provided in Oregon's new unemployment compensation law which goes into effect January 1. The amended law boosts the \$25 weekly maximum to \$35 and stiffens requirements. It also increases the payroll taxes levied against employers. In a study conducted last summer by the Unemployment Compensation Commission of 20,000 claims it was found that between 60 and 65 per cent of claimants would have received larger payments if the new law had been

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Sunday shows at 4, 6:15 and 8:30

Tuesday-Wednesday, December 20-21

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