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SLANTS FROM THE SESSION

By Nicky Tom

In the April 15th issue of Life magazine is an article about the Nebraska legislature, another one of the 28 now in session. Fifteen have already adjourned, two will meet this summer (isn't that a dandy way to spend a summer?), and three will meet next year.

Nebraska has the only one-house legislature in the nation. The members are elected on a nonpartisan basis and meet for a six month session every two years at a salary of \$872.09 per year. This is one of the three states in the Union with neither an income tax or sales tax, and their legislature has managed so far to operate the state, with an annual budget of \$150,000,000, largely on property tax. This session the Nebraska legislature defeated a bill calling for a combined sales and income tax.

They also deal with some of the more important types of legislation, similar to what our members have been wrestling with in Salem. Know what I mean? Bullfrogs. The Life article did not explain how they solved the burning question of placing a limit on bullfrogs, but I am proud to be able to report that the Oregon House this week passed the Senate bill on which I have kept you posted. Now, unless the Governor sees fit to exercise his veto, the bullfrog will once again become a game fish in Oregon.

The only really major bills passed by the Oregon House during the past week dealt with Industrial Accident benefits. Opposi-

sition to the package of three bills was based on the premise that increased industrial accident benefits would harm the economy of the state by placing an additional payroll tax burden on two of Oregon's major industries—lumber and agriculture.

The passage of House Bills 260, 450, and 502 means that by 1959 the base rate for farmers will have been increased from \$3.00 to \$5.48 per \$100 of payroll. This represents an increase of 82.6%.

These were measures definitely beneficial to labor, but labor is not happy. An editorial in the latest Oregon Teamster states, "For more than 80 days now the legislature has been in session. The total of its accomplishments as far as the working men and women of the state are concerned is exactly nothing." After beating the present Democratic administration for lack of action on various labor-backed proposals the editorial continues, "Party labels mean nothing these days. It's the individual who counts and labor should remember this, the next time political parties come to it for blanket endorsements and support." Do you suppose they will?

This might be as good a time as any for me to get something out of my system. I have been thoroughly disgusted with the adolescent behavior displayed on the floor of the House by a good many of the members this session. Even legislators need a good laugh occasionally, but the fun has gotten entirely out of hand in the last few weeks. We have sat through all too many time-consuming parliamentary hassles because so many of the newcomers have failed to familiarize themselves with the House rules and Robert's Rules of Order.

It costs a pile of money each day to operate the legislature, and when the all-too-frequent wrangle and invariable horseplay starts, my first thought is, "Good heavens, I hope there aren't too many taxpayers in the gallery today."

Early in the week a number of the members were amazed to see one representative flip a coin to decide how he was going to vote on a measure after the legality of some of its wording had been questioned.

The most shocking note of the



STATE FAIR SWITCH NOT DEAD

Altho the governor-sponsored bill to abolish the state fair board and turn the fair over to the Department of Agriculture is still held in committee, there are many legislators who think a fair board can't do as good as a one-man boss, particularly so since Bob Stewart will be heading the big state department within days. He has done a signal service as chairman of the important House Ways and Means Committee.

MAY REVERSE DECISION

When a guilty verdict was announced for Multnomah County District Attorney Wm. Langley for failure to prosecute gamblers, the most astonished person in the crowded court room was his attorney K. E. Turner.

Legal talent here at the legislature made an off-the-cuff prediction that Turner would bet an appeal case, on the grounds that there was failure of proof to conform with the indictment.

RECOMMENDATION WITHHELD

Evidently the Senate commerce and utilities committee did not think much of a bill that would give the public utilities commissioner authority to regulate reductions in railroad freight charges. It was reported out

week, however, came when the Democrats decided it was time to discipline one of their members who has not been cleaving close enough to the party line.

Before Representative Joe Rogers made the floor presentation of a bill which had been introduced at the request of the Board of Education, relating to the education of children at the Louise Home in Portland, the word was passed that the bill was to be killed as a spanking to Joe. What the spanking did to the children at the home apparently was a matter of no concern. The bill is dead.

Is this why the voters send men to Salem?

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times
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This week the greens on the golf course of the Heppner Country club were sanded and oiled, improving them greatly for putting.

Henry Schwarz and family motored over to the Yakima valley on Saturday for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Merritt at Wapato.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krebs of Cecil were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Funk at Morgan.

Mrs. Annie Saling spent the weekend in Hardman.

Mrs. L. A. Florence, who has been confined to her home for many months on account of illness, was remembered by a group of friends on her birthday Monday at her home up Willow creek.

Carl Peterson states that his crop prospects are very excellent at this time and he looks for a splendid yield at harvest time.

Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Fisher of Tacoma, Wash., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark over the weekend.

"without recommendation."

This bill would freeze minimum rates at a high level and prevent reductions being made without long and extended hearings by the public utilities commissioner.

Legislators report that hundreds of letters from shippers have been received protesting passage of this bill.

DOWNTOWN STATE OFFICE

State Insurance Commissioner Robert B. Taylor has a new business address. His department has been moved from the ancient state office building to 430 Ferry Street. Taylor, who also serves as ex officio fire marshal, was located in a suite of rooms in the old building that was becoming too dangerous for use. Secretary of State Mark Hatfield is having major reconstruction work and refurbishing done where leaks had damaged construction.

LAST WEEK'S NEW LAWS

Most every day just now there is a new law added to the thousands now on the statute books of the state. During the past week the governor signed these bills, which made them laws.

H. B. 270, Provides that fees collected by the superintendent of public instruction for furnishing publications, etc., and for which a charge is made, shall be

paid into the general fund.
H. B. 309. Loans to veterans for acquisition of homes and farms may not exceed \$9,000 and \$15,000 respectively, and no loan can be greater than 75% of the net appraised value of the property involved. This bill increases the maximum for homes and farms to \$15,000 and \$40,000 respectively, and the 75% maximum of net appraised is increased to 90%.

H. B. 321. This bill requires the number of the commercial fishing license to be durably painted or stamped upon the licensee's boat.

H. H. 323. Does away with the necessity of reestablishing fish commission regulations every year where the regulations involve agreements with the State of Washington.

H. B. 325 Present bill provides that a commercial fishing license shall contain "the number of the district" of the licensee. This bill changes the aforesaid quoted matter to "site of address."

H. B. 326. Present law provides a method by which vehicles, boats or gear may be seized and confiscated when used in connection with violations of commercial fishing laws. This provides that seizure and confiscation shall be by the game or fish director in place of game and fish wardens.

H. B. 327. Special permits are required of a person who nets or traps fish. This bill designates carp to be a non-game fish.

H. B. 388. Limits the speed of motor boats on Magone Lake in Grant County to 10 miles per hour.

H. B. 424. The present law provides that the public utilities commission can forbid the importation into the state of natural for-

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

This week is spring clean-up week as designated by the Governor's committee on farm safety. While every week should be Farm Safety Week with our farm people this designated week should be your time to "splurge" Continued on Page 5

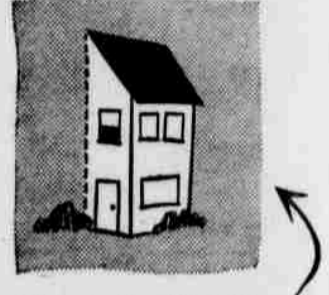
At a meeting of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association held on Monday evening of this week plans were completed for construction of stockyard corrals and livestock scales at the Bill Barratt ranch by the association. The facilities will be available for those association members who contribute to the cost of its construction. Over \$1500 was contributed at the meeting. Construction will begin within the next 30 days if enough funds are collected by Ralph Beamer and Floyd Jones, members of the marketing committee who are contacting ranchers on this special activity.

For those who have not yet given their early spring application of nitrogen to pastures it is not yet too late. Many of the pasture seedings are showing a definite nitrogen deficiency, perhaps because of the high rainfall which has leached available nitrogen from the surface especially in the newer seedings. While the first application of nitrogen is recommended for late winter or early spring it would still be a paying proposition. An application of 40 pounds of actual nitrogen is recommended. For irrigated pastures an additional 30 to 40 pounds actual nitrogen application should be made every 60 days.

tified blended or rectified wines. This bill deletes this provision.



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TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:

The question where is Eight-mile goes back to Oregon Trail days. You will find examples of the same referring to the several creeks about The Dalles where you will find 5 Mile, 10 Mile and 15 Mile creeks and the same investigation will show that Morrow county has canyons bearing names which were applied by early travelers.

Beginning at Wells Spring and going west you find 6 Mile, that is where the Oregon Trail crosses near where the first Bunchgrass post office, Ella, was established April 24, 1882. The next canyon is known as 4 Mile, that is the distance east of Cecil. Travel on westward and you will find 4 Mile canyon, then the next is 8 Mile, all named by guides who directed traffic over the Oregon Trail.

Branches of Eight Mile head along Hail ridge and Rood Hill. Eight Mile post office was established Dec. 12, 1884 and was directly west of Heppner on land now owned by Delbert Emert or John Bergstrom where a cross road leads toward Rhea Creek. A. S. Haines was postmaster. The office was later moved one-half mile north to the Robinson ranch and remained there until it was moved a few miles south and west to the present site now known as Eight Mile. Clive Huston or Walt Becket can verify the matter of the Eight Mile post office as they were raised in the vicinity.

Bert Mason,
Portland, Ore.

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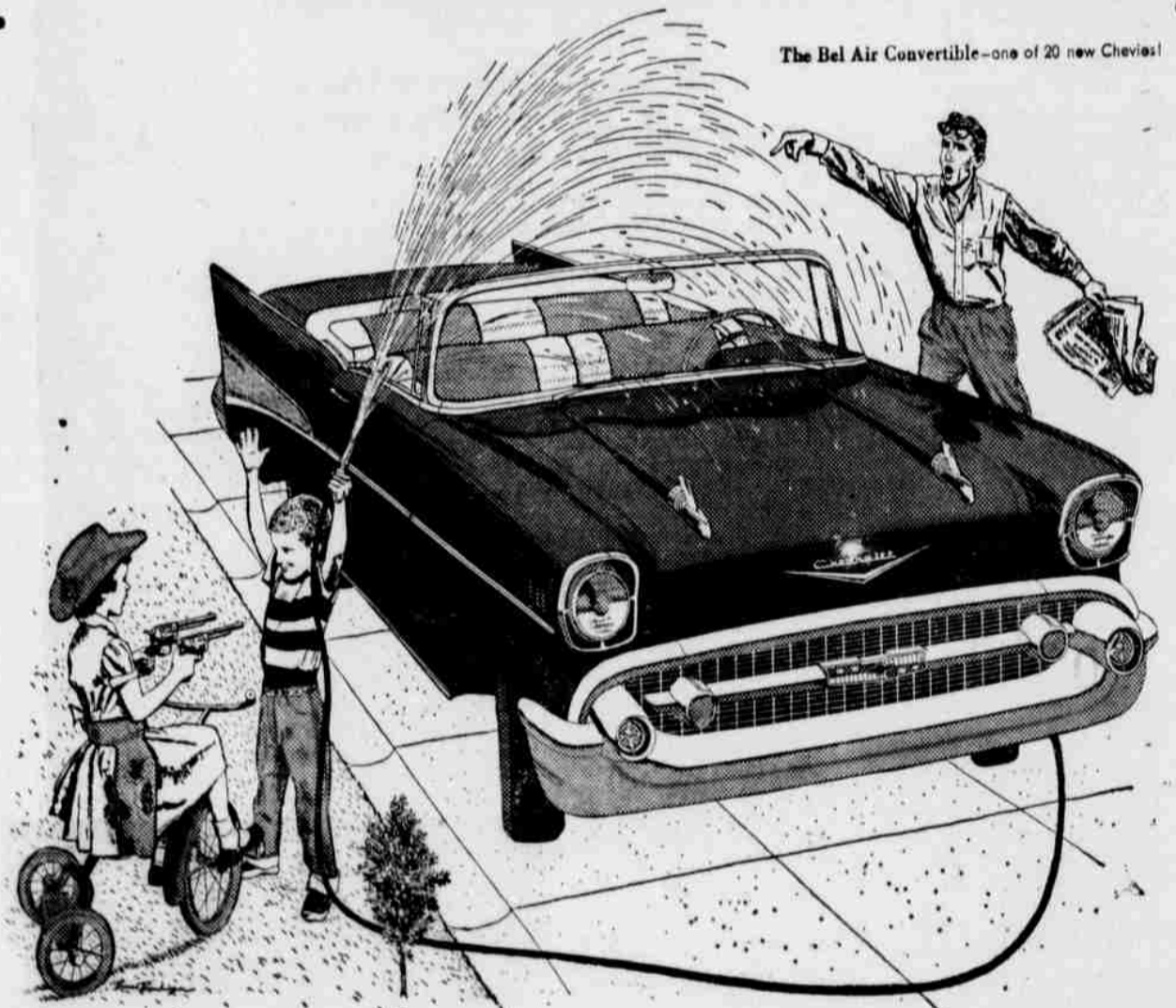
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