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LAWGIVERS OF OREGON LAY PLANS

Legislature a Month Away, So Solons Start Organizing—Session Expected to Be Lively—Preliminary Didoes Started.

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With the opening of the 36th legislative assembly in Oregon at Salem just one month away, lines are already being drawn for organization of the house and senate and the 89 members of the two bodies are looking toward what they consider one of the most interesting sessions in recent years. A state senator from Marion county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death recently of Senator Lloyd T. Reynolds, is yet to be named to complete the roster of 30 in the upper house. The house of representatives comprises 59 members.

While various counties having three or more legislators are forming organizations of their own, Governor-elect Julius L. Meier is preparing his inaugural address, which will be delivered to a joint session of the house and senate shortly after the opening ceremonies January 12, and Governor A. W. Norblad, retiring executive, is likewise preparing an address in which he will point out specific weaknesses in the administration which he has noted as well as to present a tax program and a request for the creation of a state board of pardons.

The Oregon legislature at this session will comprise a larger group of experienced lawmakers than recent previous sessions, a survey revealed. One lone Democrat will hold a seat in the senate, while seven Democrats have been elected to the house. Since party lines are not drawn in the Oregon legislature, this situation will not affect actions of lawmakers.

The organization of the house has not been definitely determined at the present time, although Frank Lomergan claims enough support to elect him speaker over Herbert Gordon, who is determined to wage a battle for the chair. Both are from Multnomah county and both are veterans in the state legislature. It is expected that the election of either will not be certain until the vote is counted at the initial meeting of the house.

Willard L. Marks of Linn county is generally conceded the presidency of the state senate, and it appears but little doubt that he will be named. He has served two terms in the senate and in the last session was chairman of several important committees. His only possible competitor for the chair is Senator B. L. Eddy, Douglas county. Marks, however, believes he has the senate sewed and has already started work on committee assignments.

Reports have been received of numerous measures now being prepared for the legislative hopper, ranging in consideration of school levies, fishing regulations, automobile licenses, primary election law changes to the four main issues which are taxation, water power, control of utilities and road legislation.

Of all these measures, the tax muddle is possibly the most perplexing. All the others present their difficulties, but since the state supreme court's action declaring the intangibles tax unconstitutional, leaving about a million dollars collected by this tax last year to be returned to taxpayers, this subject carries enough controversial angles to engage lawmakers for considerable of the 48-day session.

The Rogue river closing, a subject which has been before the legislature in the past and which was acted upon by the electorate at the last election, will again make its appearance as one of the leading issues. The voters defeated the move to close the river to commercial fishing by a margin of 234 votes. A measure to close the stream, varying slightly from the form on the November ballot, is being drawn for presentation at the opening of the legislature, it was learned. The interim fish committee has been holding meetings over the state on this subject and the demand of the state game commission to close the stream to save runs of chinook and steelhead salmon. Commercial fishermen are opposing closing.

The matter of a higher basis of district school tax levy upon which to base annual increases will be presented as well as changes in automobile licenses as outlined by Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss, changing the time of holding the state primary election and a method of filling vacancies in the legislature, proposed under the enabling act passed by the voters last month.

The Multnomah county delegation, comprising 21 members, met for organization last week, the

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WEALTHY WIDOW STRANGLER



Associated Press Photo
Low Fook, (inset) Chinese servant, was charged by San Francisco police with having strangled to death his employer, Mrs. Rosetta Baker, well known as a clubwoman and amateur actress. Her body was found in her apartment and there were indications the victim battled her assailant.

ROGUE 'SPITS' IMPROVE HOOD RIVER APPLES

New and Improved Types Apples and Pears Under Observation Hood River Station—No Blotch for Boscs.

HOOD RIVER, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Some new and improved varieties of apples and pears under test at the branch experiment station here are showing promise for commercial use, the biennial report of the station just issued, reveals.

A strain of red Spitzenberg from the southern Oregon branch station shows a darker and more attractive color than the old Spitzenberg with more subacid flavor and excellent keeping qualities. Three russet types of Boscs pears are also under observation by being grafted on regular Boscs trees. They appear to be more free from an unidentified blotch which frequently lowers the market value of the regular Boscs variety.

MANY NEW FACES ADORN OFFICES

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The general demand for a change in public offices indicated at the recent election also stretched to the county judges and courts of the state, it is revealed in a check made by J. E. Smith, county commissioner, secretary of the state association of judges and commissioners.

Check reveals there will be 20 new faces out of the 108 judges and commissioners of the state when they gather in Portland today for their three-day annual session. Of these there will be eight new county judges and 12 new county commissioners to replace as many more either defeated or failing to run for reelection.

CURFEW TO RING IN COOS TOWN

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The curfew shall ring in the town of Coos Bay, W. C. T. U. members, who appeared before the Marshfield city council this week to demand the enforcement of the curfew ordinance. The curfew has not rung here for ten years, when the law was set aside by common consent.

TAX LEVY ON MOTORISTS TO SEE NEW RISE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—A preliminary estimate of motor vehicle taxes for 1930 made public by the American Automobile association today shows that on the average the car owners will pay approximately fourteen per cent more this year than they paid in 1929.

Coincident with the issuance of this statement, the A. A. A. announced that Thos. P. Henry of Detroit, its president, had appointed a national committee to study every type of motor vehicle levy and to develop a formula to assure equitable taxation for the car owners.

Mr. Henry cited three reasons which he declared made it imperative that the entire motor tax structure and the practices and tendencies inherent in it, should be subject to a comprehensive examination at this time. First, the wholly disproportionate rise in motor taxes from year to year as compared with other forms of taxation; the evidence of efforts at wholesale diversion of the tax to other than road purposes; and third, the probability that the excuse of "hard times" will lead many of the forty-four state legislatures meeting early in 1931 to make further raids on the car owners.

Mr. Henry said in part: "Our preliminary estimate for this year shows that the motorist on the average will pay \$33 in motor taxes in 1930 as compared to \$28.56 in 1929. Under sixteen different forms the taxes on the car owners are being constantly pyramided. In the ten-year period, 1921-1930, motor vehicle levies from gas taxes and license fees have increased 339.6 per cent, as compared with an increase of 123 per cent in motor vehicle registration and 150.3 per cent in expenditures for highways.

"The motorists are now confronted with a new situation which may well open the way for wholesale diversion to general purposes of state and local administration of levies placed on them as a class. Two notable precedents were established in the November elections in New Jersey and in Louisiana. In the former state bond issues totaling \$17,000,000 were authorized for public institutions and inland waterways, to be retired from gas tax collections. In Louisiana the gas tax was raised one cent per gallon in order to provide funds for port development. The automobile is not as yet a sea-going vehicle.

"While I shall not anticipate the action of our national committee, I personally feel it is imperative that the law authorizing the gas tax in every state should specifically and categorically declare that every cent contributed by the car owners must be used for road construction and maintenance, which would include the much over-due highway beautification. For every state to do this will in some instances require constitutional amendments.

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URGE MERGER OF SAWMILLS TO CURB TAX

Pacific Coast Lumbermen Propose Pool of Interests to Curb Production to Consumption Mark—Cheaper Now to Operate Than Shut Down.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Consolidation of the smaller independent lumber mills and timber holdings of western Oregon and Washington into units of greater resources and financial strength, was suggested today by W. B. Greeley, manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Greeley told members of the Western division of the United States chamber of commerce, in session here, effective 43 per cent of current production of lumber to the consumptive demand is one of the greatest problems facing the industry.

He asked, too, for further clarification or liberalization of the present statutes dealing with restraint of trade.

A survey of Western Oregon and Washington, he said, revealed 65 "divided" sawmills at which 291 had produced no lumber during the preceding quarter. He estimated the capacity of these 65 actual or potential products, as normally customarily operated, in excess of fifteen billion board feet of lumber annually. This, he declared, is at least 25 per cent more lumber than the industry has yet sold in its most favorable year.

"Behind these sawmills stands some thirty years' supply of timber in private ownership," Greeley said. "This vast amount of timber, in excess of 300 billion board feet, has been subject for many years to the taxes, protection costs, interest and other carrying charges incident to private ownership. There has thus been created a tremendous financial pressure for liquidation. At the same time the trend in lumber values and the rate at which taxes and other carrying charges accumulate largely restrict opportunities for sale of timber to areas in the path of speedy manufacture. Hence, the liquidation of burdensome investments in raw material is forcing timber into the sawmills.

"Trees must be converted into dollars to pay taxes, interest and bond maturities; and sawmills operate in the red rather than incur the greater loss of shutting down."

Over-production is a "chronic ailment" of the industry, the speaker said. "At times it is under fair control, then it breaks out afresh in an acute form."

"And every cycle of a few months of over-production," he said, "brings in its trail demoralized markets, irregular employment or unemployment of labor, and excessive waste of raw material as the hard-pressed operator discards low-grade logs or lumber whose manufacture would only add to the burden of his losses."

Consolidation movements, he said, must lead the way for a continuing orderly control of production. "And this need not take the form of a single, giant merger of timber holdings and operating facilities," Greeley declared. "It may come about most particularly through a number of consolidations formed by grouping mills or timber holdings in each of the principal lumber producing districts of western Oregon and Washington."

EVANGELIST AT WORK IN DEATH VALLEY PALACE

Indians Gather to Hear the Singing Though None Too Strong for the Preaching After Miles of Desert Travel.

STOVE PIPE WELLS, DEATH VALLEY, Calif., Dec. 13.—(AP)—"Death Valley Scotty" has brought religion for the Indians into this desolate region. Two women evangelists, summoned to his \$3,000,000 desert mansion, are holding revival services.

"It's a great idea for the Indians," says the famous prospector. "Maybe they don't understand much of the preaching—but they like the singing."

Miss Louise Quitsch, former Chicago church worker, and Miss Mary Ayers, Australian evangelist, are the workers.

More than 100 Indians, many coming miles on their ponies from their homes hidden in the sun-baked canyons of the Panamint and Funeral mountains, attended one Sunday service. About 50 Indians and their families work on Scotty's vast fenced "estate."

"They have the simplicity of children," Miss Ayers said. "They like especially well such hymns as 'When the Roll is Called Up Yonder' and repeat the chorus over and over."

Guttenberg Bible Will Take Place in U. S. Library

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Ceremoniously, the Guttenberg Bible, highest-priced book in the world, tonight was to take its permanent place in the library of congress.

Invitations have been issued for the event.

A solid mahogany case, carved after a design by Michael Angelo, awaits the bible, now locked in the librarian's vault.

CONTINUE NACKER TRIAL NEXT WEEK

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP) The trial of Donald Nacker charged with the murder of Fred Dunbar, will run into next week, Judge G. F. Skippworth, hearing the case announced today when it was evident the case would not get to the jury tonight, and his announced opposition to a night session.

After more than an hour's rebuttal, the court recessed until 1:30 p. m. to allow the district attorney to re-vamp his lengthy hypothetical question put to Dr. D. C. Burkes, Portland.

TACOMA, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Fifteen hundred tons of gifts, including 12,000 Christmas trees to wave in a palm-growing land, makes the Hawaii-bound liner Maliko a "nautical Santa Claus" bearing the holiday spirit to the mid-Pacific.

Gifts from all over the west consigned to friends and relatives were put aboard.

Editorial Opinions of Upstate Press Anent Grid Coach at "Old Oregon"

Spears to Stay

It now appears that Dr. C. W. Spears, head football coach at the University of Oregon, has no intention of going to the University of California. President Hall is glad. We are glad. The rumors and reports which have been emanating from California have been extremely disturbing, if not actually damaging to our interests here.

Apparently, Knute Rockne, the great coach of Notre Dame, was largely responsible for the episode with plausibility. But said the extremely tactless suggestion that Dr. Spears would be exactly the man for the very desirable berth at California. Apparently the obligations of Dr. Spears to the relatively small university here were overlooked in the coldly professional recommendations of Rockne.

Possibly Dr. Spears may have been indiscreet in making remarks about the Oregon football situation which over-anxious reporters interpreted as dissatisfaction with his position here. But Dr. Spears should not be blamed for a situation which grew up faster than it could be controlled. Possibly the delay of the California management in squelching the rumors was the chief factor in coloring them with plausibility. But said the coach ends well. What might have been an awkward situation between two great schools seems to have been removed.

However, the tenacious of the situation only emphasizes the problem which football has become in the educational system, the degree to which it is over-emphasized. It would not take much to bring down the storm that is brewing over commercialized athletics. It is because we have been looking to Dr. Spears as one of the really important men in his profession to give us a footing in an unequal struggle which we cannot very well quit, that we welcome the news that he will stay.—Eugene Register-Guard.

On the Anxious Seat

If Dr. Clarence Spears, who draws a salary of \$11,500 a year for coaching the University of Oregon's football team, doesn't desert to coach the University of California as rumored, it will be only because he is not offered the job. No other conclusion can be reached from the qualified denial Dr. Spears is giving out while awaiting developments in California. The contract he holds with Oregon binds the university for five years but does not bind the coach to remain.

Some time ago the Eugene Register-Guard, which we shall hereafter refer to in this column as the R-G, which doesn't always stand for right Guard, had an editorial objecting to the fact that so few of the football games played by the university are played on the local field. We think the people of the university city have a right to object. Not only are the students who support the team loyally entitled to see the games without going to the expense of a trip to Portland, but the fans in the town where the school is are entitled to some consideration. If there is a football player in Eugene or Corvallis who is having a hard time making it possible for him to stay in school, the football enthusiasts down town are expected to give him preference for jobs when jobs are available. They are expected in numerous and sundry ways to support the team and they do it loyally and enthusiastically. It is unjust therefore to both the town and the student body when so many of the good games are taken to Portland in an effort to help Portland pay for its expensive stadium.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

LUMBER CENTER QUIET AS FORESTS ALL GONE

PELLISTON, Mich.—(AP)—The whine of band saws and the clatter of piling boards will be heard no more in this village, once the lumber center of northern Michigan. The Pelliston sawmill, one of the largest two-carriage plants east of the Rocky Mountains, has been closed, bringing to an end the lumber industry here.

This winter will be the first in 50 years that no sawmill has operated here. Exhaustion of the timber resources was given as the reason for closing of the mill.

MARKETING OF CATTLE CONSIDERED

Rocky Mountain District Stockmen Form Credit Corporation, to Better Finances, and Speed Shipments.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A picture of mountain states livestock marketing association, organized to give the grower a complete marketing service and adequately financed, was presented to the 65th annual convention of the National Wool Growers association here today by C. N. Arnett, president of the Intermountain Livestock Marketing association.

The organization of which Mr. Arnett is the head serves the so-called range states, and is a member of the National Livestock Marketing association with headquarters in Chicago. As a companion organization, the Intermountain Credit corporation was created with the aid of the federal farm board to aid the growers in their financial problems.

All financial connections between the regional and national associations are through the Federal and Finance corporation of the national organization.

"The plan of the directors of the Intermountain association," said President Arnett, "is to build up for its members a complete market service. For those who wish or should, for various occasions, sell or buy on the central markets, their own sales agency is available. When it is to the best interests of the buyer and seller to go direct from grower to feed lot, then direct sales service will be available to them."

"The form of marketing agreement and listing of livestock for sale gives the grower the privilege of setting the price at which he will sell. The buyer, with his order, gives the price he is willing to pay. This service will get the two together at a price satisfactory to both parties. No sales service, either on the central market or by direct movement, can raise or lower prices."

President Arnett described the functions of the Intermountain marketing association as three-fold. To establish and develop a sales and market service that will handle livestock on a rock-bottom cost basis, whether on the market or direct movement.

Klamath Falls.—Work completed on macadam road from Natural Gas company's new plant on South Riverside to connect with Ashland-Klamath Falls highway.

The mind of his wife is at peace; for she knoweth where he is all day; and in the evening he is weary, and goeth to sleep after dinner.

SEEK BODIES OF LOST FISHERMEN

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 13.—(AP)—The mystery veiling the fate of the fishing craft Fidelity, missing with her crew of eleven since late last month, was believed solved here today, and a vigorous search for the bodies of 10 members of her crew went forward.

The finding of the broken body of a man at a point on the west end of Santa Rosa Island yesterday is seen as the solution to the mystery of the craft's disappearance during a channel storm several weeks ago.

Directory of Gifts for Men

Gifts Between 50c and \$1.00

- Silk Neckwear
- Fancy Handkerchief Sets
- Silk Hosiery
- Cuff Links
- Garters and Bow Ties
- Belt
- Suspenders
- Boxed Gift Sets

Gifts Between \$2.00 and \$5.00

- Fancy Shirts
- Leather Bill Folds
- Toilet Sets
- Imported Lisle Hosiery
- Fancy Wool Hosiery
- Bill Fold Sets
- Cheney Ties

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- Mocha Gloves
- Dress Shirts
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- Silk Lined Caps
- Silk Tie and Handkerchief Sets
- Lambs' Wool Slippers
- Dress or Motor Gloves
- Cheney Neckwear
- Pajamas

Gifts Between \$5.00 and \$10.00

- Rain Clothing
- Imported Silk Mufflers
- Silk Shirts
- Wool Bath Robes
- Suede Jackets
- Silk Bath Robes
- Pullover Sweaters
- Smoking Jackets

Gifts Between \$5 and \$25.00

- Novelty Pajamas
- Military Brush Sets
- Golf Knickers
- Raincoats
- Overcoats
- Fur Lined Gloves
- Leather Coats
- Flannel Robes
- Traveling Sets

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