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## GROG VOTE PLAN IRKS DRYS-WETS

### Prohibition Injected Into Oregon Limelight for First Time in 14 Years—Answer for Every Argument Produced.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—(P)—Renewal of the prohibition question in the Oregon legislature was seen in the announcement last night that Senator Jay Upton of Bend would introduce a senate resolution similar to the referendum proposal defeated by the house.

Prohibition had been injected into Oregon limelight for the first time in 14 years by the introduction of the Manning prohibition resolution several days ago, and after a public hearing, and a five to two defeat within the committee, the question was fought out upon the floor on the minority report. The vote resulted in the adoption of the majority recommendation that the resolution do not pass.

Constant pounding of the official gavel, and a "hurry up" speaker Frank J. Lohman that further demonstration would result in the public being excluded from the galleries, were required to maintain order and a certain degree of quiet during arguments by proponents and opponents of the referendum provision. The house chamber was crowded with visitors from over the entire state.

Supporters of the resolution, led by the author of the move, argued that a vote on this issue was not a "wet" or "dry" vote, but only one which would state whether the people would be given an opportunity to express themselves on the important question. Opponents stated a vote would mean Oregon as "turning prohibition after being one of the first to adopt the dry law, and the interference would be broadcast over the world."

Oregon's hop industry, declared one of the leading agricultural activities in the state and whose future rested upon alcoholic beverages, was given as the reason why people should be given a right to vote on the issue by Mrs. Lottie Smith, one of the two women legislators in her initial address before that body. "Oregon is the hop center of the world," she declared. Mrs. Dorothy Lee, answered by stating the lands used for raising hops could be put to good use in other lines and that she could not see any reason why the hop industry could not be substituted for hops.

"The habit box is the safety valve of a republic," and the matter should be thus submitted, stated Alban Ryman, Multnomah, former assistant United States attorney. "There is doubt in my mind how the public feels." Opinions declared that there was no demand by the people to have the issue renewed. And if there were they could resort to the initiative. Labor representatives in the house declared the working people were restless on the question and had a right to settle it for themselves.

The matter of prohibition itself was discussed during the argument and a plea to protect the "greatest crop in Oregon, our youth," was made by Homer D. Angell, Multnomah, who had attempted to lay the issue on the table. Manning in his closing statements declared "any girl or boy above 16 years of age could get a drink any time in Portland. The prohibition law was not the solution of protection for the young, he said."

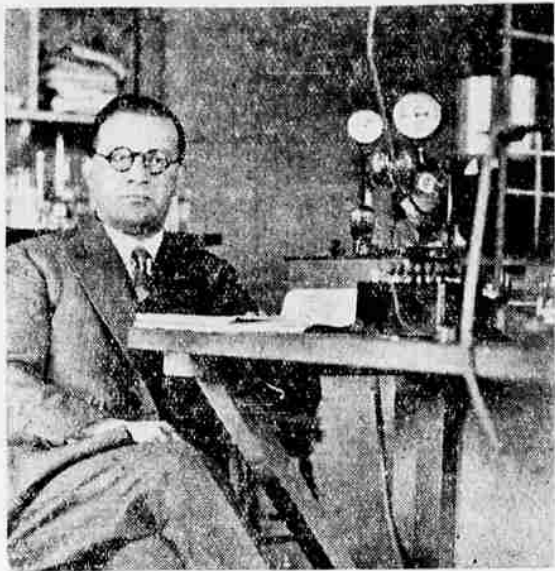
Prohibition enforcement difficulties, the Wickersham commission disapproval and Lincoln's emancipation proclamation, were cited by proponents in urging the matter be referred to vote. "The law can not be enforced. It is time for a show-down. This is an opportunity for the state to vote on the handwriting on the wall," stated L. F. Temple, Umatilla county, who said he had always voted for prohibition.

## OREGONIANS BURN MORE AUTO FUEL

SALEM, Jan. 31.—(P)—Nearly two million dollars more gasoline tax was collected by the state of Oregon during 1930 than the previous year, a report issued by the secretary of state today revealed. The total tax collected was \$1,787,394.85 as compared to \$1,588,885.41 the previous year.

Sale of gasoline during the 12 months was 166,218,750 gallons as compared to 159,415,864 in 1929, an increase the past year of about seven million gallons. Total gallons available dropped 307,243 last year with a total of less than four million gallons.

## U. of O. Man Gains National Honor



For accomplishing the outstanding piece of research in the field of experimental biology in the United States in 1930, Dr. Ernest Gellhorn, professor of physiology at the University of Oregon, was recently awarded the New York Academy of Sciences award. The award is regarded as the foremost recognition for research in this field, and carried with it a cash prize of \$250, which Dr. Gellhorn plans to use for further research.

## Oregon Editorial Press Comment Upon Ashland Horror Killing

The slayer of Sam Prescott, 25-year old Ashland policeman, wants to be imprisoned for life, adding that he can see no good to come from hanging him. Hanging would at least get a heartless, brutal killer, who is no good to himself and a menace to others, out of the way for good. That is one of the few things you can say in defense of hanging.

There is a theory, probably fanciful and exaggerated, that this killer was sent down by Seattle gangsters with instructions to "get" Prescott, who was making himself obnoxious by too strict and honest enforcement of the law against booze runners.

That theory, you know, makes good reading, and we newspaper men like to give our readers something good to read and hot to read—something with a movie scenario thrill to it.

Everybody likes to give his customers what they want. But let us suppose, for the sake of argument, that there is something to this Seattle gangster theory, for it is thereby possible to point an interesting moral.

These big city gangsters get to thinking they are pretty hot stuff, because in the lack of good citizenship and the inefficiency regarding public matters and the outright corruption that are a part of big city government they find their opportunity—and after finding it they certainly improve it.

There is no denying that. The gangster menace in the big cities is a real menace, to read—let us get on with our story, so we can get to the moral.

These Seattle gangsters, assuming that this thrilling theory has something to it, got their backs up about this country boy at Ashland who was causing the rum runners so much trouble, so they sent one of their hired murderers down to "put him on the spot."

Here is the moral, which we have been coming to for so long: The big cities are the place for the gangster stuff. The low-browed thugs who do the dirty work of gangsterism and the smarter crooks who make the plans for the low-brows to carry out can get away with it profitably enough in the big cities.

But when they get out into the country they hit a snag. They run up against good, old-fashioned honesty in the persons of country officers who may not be onto all the latest rackets but who look upon the law as something to be enforced and upon themselves as the law's earnest agents.

If these big city crooks are wise, they'll stick to the big cities. When they get out into the country they go up against something that is too big for them.—Frank Jenkins in Roseburg News-Review.

## THE SOB LINE

Down in Ashland 16 other day a young man driving a stolen automobile shot and killed a traffic officer who tried to arrest him. Now he has made a confession—a tremendously long thing which is in reality a life history that seems merely to include the murder confession. What a sad story it is! Just a poor boy battling all his life against evil environment and poverty. Every time he got a job they were so mean to him. Nothing left but a life of crime, although various minor criminal escapades are mentioned merely as illustrating a pathetic life history.

## BIOLOGIST OF UNIVERSITY IS HONOR WINNER

### Dr. Ernest Gellhorn's Experiment May Enable Man to Conquer Muscular Fatigue—Recently from Germany.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 31.—Opening up a new field of research in biology that may lead to discoveries that will enable man some day to control fatigue, a paper entitled "Permeability and Fatigue in Muscle and Its Bearing on the Problems of Ion Antagonism," has won for Dr. Ernest Gellhorn, professor of physiology at the University of Oregon, the New York Academy of Sciences award for 1930 for experimental biology it is announced here.

The award, which is the Cressy Morrison memorial, is regarded as the outstanding recognition for research in this field, and that won by Dr. Gellhorn was announced at the same time that prizes were bestowed on Professor H. von Peipel of Sweden for astronomy, and on Professor Douglas Johnson of Columbia for a paper on the physical sciences. It also carries with it a cash award of \$250, which Dr. Gellhorn plans to use for further research.

Dr. Gellhorn's paper gives the results of a series of studies he has carried on with cells of frogs in an attempt to prevent fatigue by use of calcium salts. "We know that the surface layer of cells becomes more permeable if the cell is stimulated. Therefore, if a muscle becomes permeable if it works. On the other hand, we know that fatigue of muscle which sets in after prolonged periods by an abnormally high degree of permeability. It is to be expected that fatigue could be retarded if it were possible to decrease the permeability of the muscle without diminishing its irritability."

Dr. Gellhorn came to the University of Oregon last year from Halle university, Germany, where for ten years he was professor of physiology. He is the author of numerous scientific papers.

## SOVIET NEWSPAPERS SEE SLAVERY IN U. S.

MOSCOW, Jan. 31.—(P)—The newspapers Izvestia and Pravda today printed editorials replying to charges of forced labor in the Soviet Union with counter charges that slavery still exists among the negroes in the southern United States and that in the northern sections of the same country convicts work in the timber forests under the most brutal conditions.

## AUTO LICENSES JIBE WITH PHONE NUMBERS

NATCHEZ, Miss.—(P)—A man's telephone number may be his auto license number, too, in Adams county. Because Adams is the first in the alphabetical list and because Mississippi issues auto tags alphabetically, motorists of the county may select license tags that correspond to their phone numbers. Many business and professional men take advantage of the arrangement.

## Will Lead High School Associations Next Year



Nearly 600 high school students gathered recently at the University of Oregon for the eleventh annual conference. Officers elected for the coming year are shown above. Upper left, high school press conference officers: Harold Jamber, Milwaukie high school, president; Ruth Chapman, Salem, secretary; and Kay Yasul, Hood River, vice-president. Upper right, student body officers: Ray Morse, Benson Tech, Portland, president; Bernice Ingalls, Eugene, vice-president; Cynthia Liljequist, Marshfield, secretary.

## Farmers Oppose Intangible Refund

Rural taxpayer bloc, reflecting desperate situation of farm taxpayers, will oppose refund of intangibles tax money, approximately \$900,000. They realize that retention of this sum in state treasury means nearly one more mill reduction in property tax, and resent attitude of Portland intangibles taxpayers as unsympathetic. They scout idea that intangibles taxpayers were governed by anything except desire to avoid paying taxes, and propose retroactive amendments to catch all who didn't pay, thus establishing equality and satisfying good faith requirements of fairness between those who paid and those who didn't. This bloc is large enough to obstruct perhaps defeat enactment of the refund measure unless its members, upon hearing other side of question, change their ideas. The farm members are out for rural tax relief and grab at possibilities in immediate sight, ignoring mostly the large items of actual expenditure. In reduction of which lies real tax relief far beyond what can be accomplished by attempts to shift from farm to city.

The former viewpoint may not be ignored by city people without serious peril of radical legislation. With wheat, butter, eggs and other farm products selling below cost, it is too much to expect farmers to reject extreme proposals which on their faces give promise or relief. It will not do to sit back in smug righteousness with pharisaic contempt for agrarian situation.

On the other hand, rural taxpayers, if in a reasonable frame of mind, will realize that good will of income taxpayers will result in far higher returns from income taxes than if as a class the payers of income taxes are made to feel they are not treated honorably by their state government. Refund of the intangibles tax would convince income taxpayers that the state government can be trusted to redeem

## GIRL, 15, BUILDS OWN SHORT WAVE STATION

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—(P)—Dorothy Mitchell, 15-year-old high school sophomore, owns and operates her own radio transmitting station. Classified as an amateur, she has made friends throughout the United States and Canada and has made contact with foreign lands through her short wave telegraphic code station, which uses the call letters W6OHC.

## HIPS GROW WIDER AS WOMEN SHUN EXERCISE

NEW YORK.—(P)—There's been an average increase of two inches in the American woman's hip measure in recent years, if Herbert L. Kamber, wholesale garment manufacturer, has things right. He attributes it to auto riding and easy living.

Richland—H. D. Young completed installation of four-ton ice machine in new Pine-Eagle creamery.



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