

TWO TAX PLANS ARE DRAWN FOR EXTRA SESSION

One Would Provide for State Debt Readjustment Board—Second Would Adjust Delinquent Tax Claims

By CLAYTON V. BERNARD (Associated Press Staff Writer.) SALEM, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Two plans looking toward the solution of the plight of political subdivisions relative to outstanding indebtedness and the delinquent tax problem are being prepared for introduction at the special session of the state legislature which opens here two weeks from yesterday, it was learned here today.

One proposal, advanced by numerous city mayors including Mayor Joe Carson of Portland, would provide for a state debt readjustment board with authority to negotiate virtually unlimited with bondholders to work out a liquidation plan for cities, counties and school districts.

The board would suggest a compromise to avoid default. This would take the form of requesting bond holders to take a loss, reducing the indebtedness a certain percent. Proceeds for this procedure is seen in refinancing of irrigation districts. Refunding bonds would be issued at the minimum interest rate of two per cent and a maximum of four. The rate now paid ranges from five to six per cent.

A five-year moratorium upon the principle would be declared, giving cities and counties and other districts an opportunity to spend its money on improvements rather than reducing indebtedness. The plan advanced by the mayors so far does not consider the matter of delinquent tax collections.

Could Adjust Tax Debt. A second plan, being prepared by Senators Jay Upton of Bend and Joe Dunne of Portland, would provide the creation of a similar board with duties almost parallel with that proposed by mayors. But in addition this board would have all delinquent taxes turned over to it for collection either in full or in part, with authority to make adjustments in order to keep the property on tax rolls.

Measures incorporating both these plans were declared nearly completed and would be introduced early in the session. The outstanding bonded and warrant indebtedness condition of political subdivisions of the state will come before the session as emergency proposals. Cognizance of the condition will be taken by the governor in his message, it was stated.

The governor said here today he was making progress with his address in which, it was previously announced, he would outline a definite program of relief, liquor revenue and other emergency taxes.

As the time for the session draws near it became apparent the work before the lawmakers would make it almost impossible for adjournment December 10, the end of the 20-day constitutional period for extraordinary assemblies. A second special session loomed as not too much of an improbability.

May Eye Education Fuzz. The new outbreak in higher educational circles indicated this week the matter may come to the attention of the legislature. Governor Julius L. Meier refused to comment upon the controversy, but should the situation become more serious it appeared impossible to keep it out of the session.

Should that be admitted, most anything is likely to occur involving the present board of higher education, and the unity plan for the five state institutions, political observers commented.

The governor has not yet indicated what he will recommend relative to the bus and truck law, which also looms as one of the major subjects before the 90 members of the legislature. With these matters, including liquor control, relief and public school conditions, state senators and representatives are looking forward to a hard session, which many suggested remedies for all problems before them out of which they must glean the solution kernels.

Carriers and newsboys of the Medford Mail Tribune signed community chest pledges yesterday, giving 100 per cent support to the local drive, which got underway today.

Meteorological Report

November 7, 1933. Forecasts. Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday. No change in temperature. Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday, but valley fogs night and morning. No change in temperature.

Local Data.

Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 72; lowest, 41. Total monthly precipitation .03 inches. Deficiency for the month 0.34 inches. Total precipitation since September 1, 1933, 1.47 inches.

Deficiency for the season .76 inches. Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 39 degrees; 5 a. m. today, 66 degrees.

Tomorrow: Sunrise, 6:53 a. m. Sunset, 4:57 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 A. M. 120th Meridian Time

Table with columns: City, Clouds, Precipitation, Wind, Temp, Humidity, Barometer. Rows include Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, etc.

PARIS TO BREED SUPER CATS FOR RAT ERADICATION

PARIS, Nov. 7.—(UP)—Tired of waiting for the piper, the city of Paris set out today to breed a race of super-cats to eradicate the capital of the rat menace.

The municipal council threw open the first Paris cat-breeding farm equipped with two handsome tom-cats whose destiny will be to sire the super race of feline rat chasers.

Like Hamelin, of old, Paris suddenly has discovered that it is beset by rats. They frequent the fashionable restaurants and night clubs, passing the night in the best homes and even scurry about the streets with impunity.

A rat census was taken and it was discovered that for each inhabitant in Paris there was at least one rat. The municipal council then called upon its best mathematicians and they estimated that one pair of rats could become 880 rats in one year, 387,000 rats in two years, and 170,000,000 rats in only three years.

At first, an effort was made to starve the rodents. All waste food was ordered covered tightly. But the rats only became more bold and ate food before it reached the garbage pails.

The public then was encouraged to feed their rats phosphorus cakes to poison them, but the rats thrived. Some scientists then got the idea of inoculating a rat with a virus of a contagious disease and turning him loose among the other rats, so that the rats who fell for this stunt went off into corners and died all alone.

In despair, the people of Paris then learned that in Le Havre and Lyons, a race of rat catching cats had long been devoting their lives to the civic good. The Parisians determined to imitate this example and established the cat-breeding farm.

REMIND RESIDENTS OF ARMISTICE DAY CLOSE. Medford citizens are reminded that Saturday next is Armistice Day and that the stores of the city will be closed all day. It was announced by John Moffatt, chairman of the retail committee, this morning.

26 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOWN ON HONOR ROLLS

(By Mary Kern.)

As a result of the six weeks' final given last week, the honor roll of outstanding scholars was released at the high school office last Friday. This honor roll is published each six weeks to give recognition to those whose scholarship has been outstanding.

The sophomore class was well represented by Amy Elliott, receiving 3 A, 1 B; Nellie Moon, 2 A, 2 B; Mignon Phelps, 2 A, 2 B; Betty Vilm, 4 A, 1 B; John Dallaire, 3 A, 1 B, and Philip Lowry, 3 A, 1 B.

The junior class outnumbers the sophomores and senior class in its list of honor roll students. The most outstanding are as follows: Mildred Drury, receiving 3 A, 1 B; Pauline Rogers, 3 A, 1 B; Wallace Lowry, 3 A, 1 B; Cleo Hicks, 3 A, 1 B; Ruth Tucker, 4 A, 1 B; and Dolph James, 4 A.

The honor of the class of '34 was upheld by Everetta Gillispie, receiving 3 A, 2 B; Margery Paley, 2 A, 2 B; and Arletta Tyrell, 5 A.

Several ambitious students are carrying five subjects and are making excellent grades in all of these. Special mention should be given to Betty Vilm, 4 A, 1 B, sophomore; Dorothy Hammond, 2 A, 3 B, junior; Everetta Gillispie, 3 A, 2 B, and Arlene Gossett, 3 A, 2 B, seniors. Arletta Tyrell, senior, made the distinctive record of an A in every one of the five subjects she is carrying.

From approximately 600 students, 26 members are on the honor roll. A complete list of the honor roll is as follows:

Sophomores. Amy Elliott 3A-1B, Nellie Moon 2A-2B, Mignon Phelps 2A-2B, Betty Vilm 4A-1B, John Dallaire 3A-1B, Philip Lowry 3A-1B.

Juniors. Mildred Drury 3A-1B, Helen Frost 2A-2B, Dorothy Hammond 2A-3B, Pauline Rogers 3A-1B, Ruth Tucker 2A-2B, Waineta Wilson 2A-1B-1C, Bill Barnum 2A-2B, Irwin Doty 2A-2B, Cleo Hicks 3A-1B, Dolph James 4A, Wallace Lowry 3A-1B.

Seniors. Everetta Gillispie 3A-2B, Margery Paley 2A-2B, Wesley Howard 2A-2B, Maxine Robinson 2A-1B-1C, Paul Sparks 2A-2B, Doris Rose 2A-2B, Arletta Tyrell 5A, Sabrina Thatcher 4A.

GIRLS' LEAGUE PLANS FOR INITIATION NEXT FRIDAY AT HI SCHOOL. (By Joyce Banish.) A Girls' league meeting was held yesterday at the Medford high school, for the purpose of making further plans for initiation of the sophomore girls next Friday evening.

All "big sisters" were asked to look up their "little sisters" before Friday, and personally invite them to the initiation.

The social service committee and the entertainment committee are working hard in order to make the program a complete success and something the sophomore girls will remember. The president of the Girls' league, Aileen Latham, announced that Thanksgiving baskets would be sent to 20 different families again this year. Each girl was asked to donate some foodstuffs to fill these baskets.

Kidnap Victim



Louis E. Brooks, wealthy manufacturer and ex-mayor of Marshall, Minn., was kidnaped by three persons who kidnapped him and forced him to open his factory safe. They obtained several thousand dollars worth of securities before releasing him. (Associated Press Photo)

WOULD-BE GOVERNOR PROMISES UTOPIA IF ENOUGH VOTES GIVEN

SALEM, Ore.—(UP)—Promises of Clarence W. Cady, Marion county farmer, first official candidate for governor, remind observers of the freedom with which things were promised in Oregon's 1930 campaign.

Cady apparently does not doubt his ability to make Oregon a Utopian state. He will enter the 1934 democratic primaries on this platform: The cost of operating the state will be reduced 50 per cent or more.

There will be a minimum wage, guaranteeing a living for all. The rate of interest will be 6 per cent, regardless of how it is collected, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. There will be no foreclosures of mortgages on real property until approved by a commissioner appointed.

All laws now on the statute books where all do not share and share alike will be set aside. The poor and oppressed will not have to carry all the burden of taxation.

All labor saving devices will be taxed according to the labor they displace. All reclaimed lands will be rehabilitated. There will be means of self-support for all who are willing to work.

MASONS, WIVES WILL EAT ELK. Medford Masons and their wives and members of the Eastern Star and their husbands will meet in the Masonic temple Thursday night to enjoy a banquet and evening of entertainment. The banquet is scheduled to start at 6:30 o'clock.

Annual Turkey Dinner Central Point Grange. Tonight's the night of the big turkey dinner at the Central Point grange hall, to be followed by an evening of entertainment, including both cards and dancing.

Rabbit Group Meets—California and Oregon Rabbit and Fur Breeders association met with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor, at 417 King street, Sunday, with a large attendance. They voted to assist the Chamber of Commerce in the rabbit show to be held at the jubilee celebration in Medford.

HELP FOR TIRED WIVES Fake Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Wives get tired during these hard times. They are the ones who must bear the burden of the family. When the husband comes home with less money in his pay envelope... it is the wife who must struggle along and make the best of things.

SLOT MACHINES RETURN TO USE OFFICERS CLAIM

Reported return of the banned slot machines to country stores and road houses of the valley the past week brought instructions from the sheriff's office this morning to all deputies to take steps to halt the "iron money getters." Under the law, owner and player can be cited to court, along with the proprietor of the place where the slot machine is stationed.

The slot machines were ordered removed a fortnight ago, and were, but last week made and new appearance with the word that "they go in the country but not in the cities."

Orders were issued to confiscate any slot machine found in operation. Several machines were reported as working with a gum slot as a decoy, many being in need of gum.

Two chief objections registered against them were that many addicts needed the money squandered for winter food, and that minors were playing them. A further reason was that the slot machines diverted much money from legitimate channels.

ROXY ANN CLUB MEET SLATED WEDNESDAY

Roxy Ann Extension club will hold its second vegetable cookery meeting Wednesday, November 8, at the home of Mrs. Jack James on Hillcrest road.

Why Children Need a Liquid Laxative. The temporary relief children get from some synthetic, habit-forming cathartic may cause bowel strain, and even set-up irritation in the kidneys.

What Could Be Sweeter For the ARMISTICE PARTY Than One of These Lovely DRESSES. We Can Save You Money on MULTNOMAH BATTERIES and MEDFORD MADE BATTERIES.

ROYAL is clean and lasts longer. CAR ON TRACK Today—Order Now. Demand For ROYAL Increases.

COAL. F. E. SAMSON CO. DRY WOOD FUEL OIL. All Best Quality Any Kind You Want.

HIGHWAY BRIDGES GIVEN FIRST CALL IN LOAN SEEKING

PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The state highway commission will urge allocation of the \$5,100,000 of public works money for construction of the five Oregon coast highway bridges, before making a strenuous campaign for a blanket allotment of \$15,000,000 for general highway work in this state.

This statement was made by Leslie M. Scott, commission chairman, who said it was one of the "basic details" of the commission's policy.

PAY EXTRA DIVIDEND ON GENERAL MOTORS. NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Directors of General Motors Corporation yesterday declared an extra dividend of 25 cents on the common stock.

Mann's Department Store advertisement featuring various fabrics, drapery, and clothing items with prices and descriptions.