

HEDRICK MAKES SICK BED PLEA FOR SALES TAX

Superintendent of Medford Schools Hopes Voters Will All Go to Polls — Main Danger Is Seen Up-State

From his bed in the Community hospital, where he has been shut off from the world for many weeks, unable to continue his campaign for continuance of public education for all children, via initiation of the sales tax, E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of the Medford schools, yesterday voiced an appeal to all Jackson county voters to go to the polls Friday and vote.

He voiced the appeal over the remembrance of a staff of nurses and attending physicians, and in defiance of all the rules and regulations, when a reporter, straying through the hospital found his door open, ignored the "Prohibitively" no visitors—this means you" sign, to obey again her ex-school master, who called "Come in."

Danger Up-State
In answer to the old question "How are you?" Mr. Hedrick responded, "Shut off from everything, I don't get to read the papers. I don't get to see anyone. No I haven't had a chance to follow the progress of the sales tax. But from what I know of southern Oregonians, I know that the tax will pass here, if they get out and vote. They are better informed than the people up north and less apt to be influenced by demagogues." The statements slid off his tongue with great speed, as if there were behind them a long suppressed desire for expression, which was finally getting an audience.

"Are you going to vote?" was the next question asked in between the rapid flow of answers.
"If I can possibly get out of here," Mr. Hedrick replied, giving the bed clothes an extra rump and turning to the interviewer, "I intend to be at the polls."

"Is there anything any of your friends can do for you?"
"The most acceptable thing anybody can do for me is to get out and vote for the sales tax Friday."
"There is more danger of defeat in northern Oregon. The people there, it seems, are more easily misled than southern Oregonians."
"What will happen if the bill does fall?" the school superintendent repeated the question, as if weighing it, then answered, "It is difficult to say at this time. There has been considerable talk of closing schools. Personally I do not think there will be much actual closing of schools."

Fears Tuition System
"Instead of closing, schools will probably go on a tuition basis." Such a program was then deplored, in no uncertain terms, by the long time worker for maintenance of public education, who explained that it took two or three hundred years of fighting to bring public education to the country about 100 years ago.

"The schools could hardly close, when there are many people in the district, who have paid their taxes in full and are entitled to the service. There are of course over one-third of the children, whose parents pay no tax. Some pay a heavy tax, however, and have no children."
"The tuition angle is a terrible one, which I do not care to talk about, much less contemplate. The burden would naturally fall on those, who don't pay a property tax. We couldn't ask the others to pay twice. We know positively that most of the parents, who come in the non-tax-paying group, are not able to pay tuition. If it comes, as educators fear, it will mean that the poor children will be on the streets."

The dissertation was interrupted with the question, "How much tuition would parents be required to pay, if such comes to pass?"

"\$18 to \$45 Yearly Cost
With an irritated expression, Mr. Hedrick went into the thing, "It costs \$80 per child per year for education in Oregon. We wouldn't have to charge that much, however, since corporations such as the Southern Pacific, California Oregon Power company and wealthy individuals pay much in excess of the amount required for education of their children, leaving a margin for the others, so in the final analysis I would guess the cost at two to five dollars per month or \$18 to \$45 per year, for each child, but we don't intend to have tuition if we can help it."

"But doesn't the Oregon law require schools to remain open for at least eight months?" the reporter asked.
"The law also requires that people pay their taxes," Mr. Hedrick finished the sentence, and just then a nurse appeared with an exclamation, which sent the reporter on her way, as the school superintendent concluded, "Necessity supercedes all laws."

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John J. "Boss" McLoughlin (above), former Illinois legislator, was jailed in Chicago as the alleged "brains" of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker. (Associated Press Photo)

STAUFFER HURT IN 'CAT' MISHAP

Paige Stauffer, about 35, received injuries to the right shoulder and ankle and was suffering from shock today as a result of an accident which occurred while he was at work driving a caterpillar near Ashland Tuesday.

A falling log struck Stauffer, who was under the employment of Charles Brewer at the time of the accident. He is married and resides on route 4, near Medford.

Stauffer was immediately brought to this city and treated by Dr. R. W. Steeter. He is in the Sacred Heart hospital.

225,000 HOGS TO RELIEF OF POOR

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP)—The federal surplus relief corporation today awarded contracts to 27 meat packers operating at 23 market points to buy and process 225,000 hogs for government relief purposes during the next two weeks.

Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, said buying would continue for 15 market days at the rate of about 15,000 hogs a day.

In letting contracts the administration divided the country into four regions and considered bids from processors within each region separately from the bids of processors in other regions.

In the west, a packing firm operating at Salem, Oregon, will purchase hogs.

Keith A. Pinkstaff, truck driver for the CCC, en route to Camp Dog Lake in the Fremont national forest, escaped injuries Tuesday when he fell asleep at the wheel and the truck ran off the road, turning over on its side.

The accident occurred four miles east of Pinehurst about 8 o'clock this morning. The truck was empty and was badly damaged, according to officers.

21 PASSENGERS DROWN FEW YARDS FROM LAND
HELSINGFORS, Finland, May 16.—(AP)—Twenty-one passengers, including three children, drowned today as the steamer Louhi sank in Lake Kallavesi within 100 yards of the shore near Kuopio.

The entire crew and 19 passengers were saved. Survivors said the captain swerved the ship suddenly to avoid a rock. The deck cargo shifted, causing a heavy list, and the boat sank within two minutes.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today signed bills authorizing addition of certain lands to the Ochoco national forest in Oregon and amending the mining laws applicable to the Mt. Hood national forest in Oregon.

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BUDDY POPPIES WILL HELP V. F. W. AID COMRADES

Dedicated to the relief and assistance of veterans and their families, who are desperately in need of help, the fourteenth annual sale of Buddy Poppies will be sponsored in the city of Medford and the Rogue River valley on May 25 and 26 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Auxiliary.

A city permit for the poppy campaign has been granted and the organization of volunteer workers has already been begun by Dean K. Stacy, general chairman.

"No one who is not closely associated with veteran problems can realize the urgent need behind our

1934 Buddy Poppy campaign," say V. F. W. officials. Since passage of the so-called economy act in March, 1933, which cut thousands from the pension and compensation rolls, and forced many others from their sick beds in government hospitals, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has faced an acute and difficult problem.

"Our disabled comrades, their wives and children are on the verge of starvation. Those who were not completely cut from the rolls suffered a cut of 25 per cent or more in the face of an increase in the cost of living. Others are physically unable to work and the economic situation handicapped thousands of willing ex-service men.

"The annual Buddy Poppy campaign is a source of funds with which to administer the relief and assistance so sorely needed by these disabled veterans and their dependents. We appeal to the public to support this activity; we need volunteer workers to help us sell the Buddy Poppies on May 25 and 26, although the members of the post and ladies of the auxiliary will more than do their share. Any one volunteering is

asked to get in touch with General Chairman Stacy or the Auxiliary poppy chairman, Mrs. Thomas K. Flynn, phone 107.

YELLOWSTONE OPENED EARLY BY DROUGHT

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP)—Drought conditions in the west resulted in the early opening of world-famous Yellowstone national park.

Arno B. Cammerer, director of the national park service, said western national parks had only about 50 per cent normal snowfall.

Hotels and permanent lodges in Yellowstone will not begin operations until opening of the playground June 20.

JACKSON COUNTY SCENIC SPOTS IN 'FRISCO DISPLAY

Jackson county's recreational advantages will be displayed to the thousands of people who frequent Market street in San Francisco during the week beginning Friday, May 18, reports C. L. McDonald, chairman of the Jackson county council of the Sierra-Cascade Wonderland association.

A display put on by the Wonderland association will occupy the entire front window space of the Emporium, San Francisco's largest store, and will feature the scenic and vacation attractions of the area. Among the attractions to be featured for Jackson county will be: Mt. McLoughlin, Rogue river, old Jack-

sonville, Fish lake, Lithia springs, Oregon Caves, Siskiyou mountains, Mt. Ashland, and Crater Lake. Prospects, Butte Falls and Diamond lake.

Aside from these, special attention will be directed to Crater Lake national park, national forests, and the fine highway system by which these may be reached. Mining and lumbering will also be shown by interesting displays.

"This exhibit valued at over \$10,000," said W. A. Gates, director of the Sierra-Cascade Wonderland association, "was made possible by the cooperation of the nine counties comprising the association and the San Francisco store, and demonstrates the worth of organization in advertising this great area."

Following the showing in San Francisco the display will also be seen in Oakland and Los Angeles. It is estimated that approximately 125,000 persons per day will view the display.

The Medford and Ashland chambers of commerce assisted in collecting the material for the display for Jackson county.

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ARCHITECT, PHARMACY BOARD POSTS FILLED
SALEM, May 16.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today appointed Kenneth C. Legge of Portland to the state board of architectural examiners, to succeed E. P. Lawrence of Eugene.
M. E. McKee, Morrow, was reappointed to the state board of pharmacy.

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