

# EIGHT NEW LAWS WAIT ACTION OF OREGON'S VOTERS

### Seven Initiatives, One Referendum Also to Grace Long Ballots — Many of Prime Importance Are Listed

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SALEM, Ore., Sept. 30. (UP)—Eight new laws—seven initiatives and one referendum—await the approval of the Oregon electorate November 3.

#### Ballot Certifications for the measures have been sent all county clerks by Secretary of State Snell, so that each county's ballot will be standard.

#### There would have been nine but a zero-hour decision by the supreme court two hours before the deadline threw out an initiative that sought to bar traps, seines and other fixed fishing gear from the Columbia river, on grounds that several thousand signatures were void because they were not rendered in the presence of petition circulators.

#### One Referendum

The lone referendum, turned over to the people by the 1935 special legislative session, proposed to amend the 1935 old age assistance act by reducing the eligible age from 70 to 65, conforming it to the federal social security act with "match money," and diverting county and state levies to other relief channels.

#### An initiative seeks to repeal by constitutional amendment of all prohibition and regulation of advertising, so long as that advertising is truthful. The measure is an outgrowth of the long battle over the "advertising dentists" law which has been fought through the legislature and the supreme court.

#### Another proposes to amend the constitutional six percent tax limitation to authorize any school district of more than 100,000 population to levy taxes up to 80 percent of the 1932 levy.

#### Would Limit Taxes

The anti-compulsory military training measure, defeated by the legislature, comes back to the people in an initiative, proposing that no student in any of the state's higher educational institutions be required to take or attend any course in military science, tactics or drill as a requirement for a college degree.

#### A constitutional amendment is sought to limit the total state tax on real and tangible personal property, payable in 1937 to six mills on assessed valuation, and scaling down to a 4.8 percent limitation by 1942 and thereafter.

#### The state power bill, sponsored by the Oregon state senate, proposes that the state and federal governments build a state-wide system of electric power lines for distribution of power at cost and replacing the present hydro-electric commission with a three-man commission to manage the project.

#### Coupled with the state power bill is the constitutional amendment that temporarily placed the state board of control—governor, secretary of state and state treasurer—in the three chairs of the commission proposed in the power bill, to administer its provisions until another body is formed.

#### Least item on the list is the state bank bill, creating the state-owned and operated "Bank of Oregon." The proposed institution would carry on a general banking business and act as exclusive state fiscal agent for state, counties, cities, districts, political subdivisions, receivers, trustees, administrators, executor and officials.

#### The board of control, plus the attorney general and labor commissioner, would form the board of directors.

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# TEACHERS DENY KISSING CHARGE



Miss Larinda Cleary (left), one of the three teachers at suburban Union Ridge school near Chicago accused in a "poison pen" letter of kissing Principal Charles O'Hearn, termed the charges "entirely false," as the controversy prevented opening of school. Clarette Lindsay, another teacher, is shown with Miss Cleary. (Associated Press Photo)

# OREGON INDUSTRY SHOWS INCREASE IN NUMBER HIRED

### Employment Expanded by Seven Per Cent in August Over July — Food Plants Showed Largest Increase

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30. (AP)—Oregon industrial plants expanded employment 7 percent in August over July, the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco reported today after a survey of 100 representative firms.

This increase, the bank reported, was larger than the usual July-August upturn.

Payrolls advanced about 4 percent—or less than usual.

Compared with August last year, employment was up 6 percent and the amount of money in the weekly payrolls rose 12 percent.

There was a sharp increase in employment in food products plants.

The reserve bank's index of employment indicated 85 percent of the 1923-1925 average; with payrolls 78 percent of that base. These compared with an index of 82 for July employment in June and 81 in August last year. The index of 78 for payrolls compared with 80 in July, 76 in June and 72 in August last year.

Compared with a year ago, employment in the metal industries was up 13.7 percent and payrolls up 14.9 percent; in textile plants employment was down 1.1 percent and payrolls 13.8; on food products plants, gain of 59.6 percent over the preceding month lifted employment 12.8 percent over a year ago, and payrolls 28.5.

In lumber and allied lines there were 3.3 percent more workers than last year, drawing 11.3 percent more pay in the aggregate.

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# ACCIDENT TOLL HIGH ON FARM, SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK (UP)—Farming ranks first as a hazardous occupation with fatal accidents averaging 4.00 annually, a survey by the Country Life magazine reveals.

"In a factory," the farm publication says, "where machines are inspected regularly and carefully, accidents are relatively few. In almost every occupation accidents are foreseen and forestalled. But recognition and eliminating potential accident hazards in farming is far more of a job because of their wide variety and their deceptive commonplaceness.

"There are three major and frequent causes of farm accidents: poor repair of farm buildings, careless handling of livestock and improper use of farm equipment and the sad part about all these accidents is that they are unnecessary. They could easily be prevented."

It is the little things that cause the most tragedy—loose floor boards, broken stair treads, defective step-ladders, loose matches, improperly marked poisons, improper use of kerosene and gasoline, not keeping a roose eye on the bull in the pasture lot, and so forth, the magazine says.

And then, of course, there's the fire, which last year cost farms and rural towns a quarter of a billion dollars.

# CRATER PARK POSTED, HUNTERS ARE WARNED

CRATER LAKE.—(Sp.)—Southern Oregon hunters are warned that the boundaries of the park will be closely patrolled through the deer hunting season. The park boundaries are well posted on all sides.

As in past years, hunters may bring carcasses through the park provided they are tagged and information is given at the checking stations as to the locations where the animals were killed. Any infractions of park hunting will result in immediate arrests and hearings before the park commissioner, said David H. Canfield, park superintendent.

# GHOST CITY MADE OF AGUA CALIENTE BY GAMBLING BAN

### Fashionable Mexican Resort Unlikely Ever To Reach Its Former Prominence—Track, Links Deserted.

AGUA CALIENTE, Mex. (UP)—A year after its sudden close last summer Agua Caliente, formerly one of the smartest watering places in North America, remains unkempt and deserted with hope for a reopening becoming dimmer month by month.

Since President Lazaro Cardenas of Mexico issued a stunning notice that no more gambling was to be allowed in Mexico, owners of the fashionable resort have from time to time been heard to report that they would be able to reopen, but each has proved false.

The buildings themselves remain in good condition, and could be fitted for operation in a few weeks. The grounds, however, have grown up in grass, greens on the popular Agua Caliente golf course, scene of big-money tournaments, are dried up and fairways weed-covered.

The race track, not often host to top-notchers of horsemanship but always in the heavy money from a betting standpoint, is marked by winter rains with little accompanying care. The Jockey club and nearby golf clubhouse alike present a dreary appearance.

#### Jobs Lost

Closing of the resort affected directly the economic status of some 13,000 persons in the sprawling border town of Tijuana, two miles north of Agua Caliente, which itself consists solely of the resort.

In addition to the hundreds of workers thrown immediately out of employment by the shutdown, almost every merchant in Tijuana felt a sharp drop in business as tourist traffic across the border slumped.

Where thousands of persons formerly crossed every day from San Diego, only 14 miles away, and Los Angeles, a two-hour drive up the coast, now only Sundays and holidays see any appreciable influx of visitors.

Government relief projects in some measure have taken up the slack in employment, but cannot take care of all persons out of work. Road projects and the irrigation system being built in conjunction with the new Rodriguez dam are included in the government program.

Efforts have been made to stimulate interest in agriculture, but the greatest percentage of unemployed were men whose lives had been spent on indoor jobs and could not easily be adapted to farming.

#### Followers Scattered

Many croqueters, bartenders, waiters and other resort employees have gone to other cities, some into the United States, in search of employment.

Others have jobs in Tijuana, but are discontented with low salaries and absence of generous tips of former lush times.

In a slight degree gambling restrictions have been eased since the initial decree, but still permit only minor games. Roulette and unlimited betting on horse racing, the two principal sources of income, remain banned and little hope of reopening is seen until they again are legalized.

Latest fear of Tijuana residents is that liquor will be declared unlawful, thus closing one of the remaining sources of income. Present United States' customs laws permit visitors to bring back one gallon tax free, and a fair trade in high class liquor has been established. Recently taxes on bars were increased 30 percent and all places where liquor is sold ordered to close by 10 p. m.

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Club Changes Hands

Latest move in the somewhat tangled legal status of the plant was the purchase of the Jockey club by Mrs. Susana Lucero Regnier, former Mexican landholder, who asserts she once owned the land upon which Agua Caliente is situated.

Mrs. Regnier bought the Jockey club at government auction in a sale intended to raise money to meet the demands of discharged workers. She paid \$5,000 of the reputed \$150,000 purchase price for the plant which originally cost more than \$1,000,000.

Baron Long, Los Angeles, hotel owner and chief stockholder in Agua Caliente, is convinced Mrs. Regnier's title is doubtful legality and still considers himself the nominal head of the establishment.

Mrs. Regnier, however, considers her title clear and has opened negotiations with Mexico City officials in an effort to bring about an agreement whereby race meetings may be held.

Meanwhile the grass gets taller around the once-popular resort and residents become less hopeful the border ever again will hum with the activity of former years.

# NEW TOURIST RECORD SET AT OREGON CAVES

OREGON CAVES.—(Sp.)—A new attendance record of 52,000 persons for the current season for this national monument was reported this week. The 1935 total, the previous record, was 30,000 visitors. Of this attendance, the largest percentage came from California, with Oregon second.

The record day in the history of the monument occurred September 7 when 1027 persons visited the area. Nearly 90 per cent made the trip through the caverns. The monument will be open to visitors throughout the winter, including guided trips through the caves and accommodations at the chateau and cottages.

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Fresh from his 1600-mile campaign for the 78 electoral votes of Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, Landon began a busy week of political planning, speech writing and state business.

# SEASON'S END SHOWN BY FLIGHT OF GEESE

CRATER LAKE.—(Sp.)—Another indication that the summer season is drawing to a close is the observance of numerous flights of geese over the park.

The birds are observed to best advantage at the pass over the Cascade mountains near Annie Spring, used by thousands of birds during the migratory season. The advance guard of the flights have already completed their passage over the park and will be followed by the main body of geese after the next sign of cold weather.

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