SPRAGUE HAUNTED BY MOB SEEKING GRAVY TRAIN RIDE

Governor-Elect Driven Near Distraction by Thousands of Job Seekers — Even Former Foes Inquire

By Paul W. Harvey, Jr.

SALEM, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Thousands of persons have joined the gravy train to get state jobs, driving Governor-elect Charles A. Sprague nearly to distraction.

Job-seekers, knowing there are 6,188 full-time state jobs, have flooded Sprague with applications, not realizing that the governor has little or no control over more than 4,000 of the jobs.

Several persons who opposed him in the general election have become Republicans, and likewise want to get on the state payroll.

Sprague has said before and after election that he did not plan a wholesale cleaning of the capitol, adding that he wanted to preserve the efficiency of state government. This would indicate that some working under the present Democratic administration will keep their jobs, although many state workers are worried.

Many Martin appointees have hopes of keeping on the payroll because of the support the governor gave to Sprague in the election.

There are 1,635 highway department employes who probably will hold their jobs, it being a tradition that this department be removed from politics. The 1,323 higher education employes cannot be removed.

Other large departments over which the governor has no control include: secretary of state, 241 employes; state hospital, 273; state tuberculosis hospital, 136; Fairview home, 119; penitentiary, 83; tax commission, 51; eastern Oregon state hospital, 97.

Leaders of the movement to seek legislative amendment or repeal of the initiative to regulate picketing and boycotting, passed by the voters November 8, found little encouragement in the views of Rep. Ernest R. Fatland, who claims he has enough votes to win the speakership race in the state house of representatives next month.

Fatland, who has represented Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties since 1935 said when asked whether he favored amendment or repeal of the labor bill:

"I do not favor emendments to the labor initiative which will alter the principles of labor responsibility as intended in the bill."

Fatland was one of the sponsors in the 1937 session of the unsuccessful bill to force incorporation of labor unions.

Senator-elect Rufus C. Holman's statement that he would resign as state treasurer when his department is audited indicates he will quit about January 1.

The secretary of state's auditing division expects to complete the audit before that time. Holman's senatorial term begins January 3.

If he resigns before January 9, Governor Martin will make the appointment, otherwise Sprague will.

Holman's office staff, as well as Holman himself, claim it doesn't know of Holman's plans, but the staff is wondering whether it will go to Washington with him.

Governor Martin will ask the legislature to keep state officials out of jail by making the next budget on a fiscal year basis.

The fiscal year ends each June 30, but the legislature appropriates for two calendar years.

This means that while department appropriations are exhausted January 1, the departments must continue to spend money they don't have until the legislature appropriates the money for the biennium.

Any department head who goes into debt is subject to six months in jail. But at the start of each fiscal year, every department head is forced to do that very thing.

The governor will ask the next legislature to appropriate for the 30 months ending June 30, 1941, after which appropriations would be made for 24 months.

After that time, each legislature would appropriate for the two-year period beginning the following June, fixing it so that no department would go broke while waiting for the legislature to provide money.

Taxpayers who read this week that they have been paying out $17,000,000 a year for maintaining Oregon schools will be surprised to learn that automobile accidents in the state cost the same amount.

Secretary of State Earl Snell received a National Safety Council estimate that auto accidents, despite sharp reductions in recent years, took $17,000,000 out of the state's pocket during the past year.

PATRONAGE KINGS PICKED FOR STATE

PORTLAND, Dec. 2—(AP)—Oregon Democratic leaders were advised today James A. Farley, national chairman, had agreed to recognize Frank Tierney, state chairman, and Howard F. Latourette, national committeeman, in dispensing patronage.

Farley, meeting with western Democrats at Chicago, was quoted as saying Congressman Walter M. Pierce of LaGrande, the state's only Democrat at congress, would act only in the second district.

Reports from the Chicago conference said the national chairman was informed failure to distribute patronage properly had disrupted the party's campaign for the general election.

Chickens sometimes suffer from a form of tuberculosis for which there is no known cure.

'THE PHANTOM BELLS' TO BE PRESENTED BY PHOENIX HIGH CLASS

PHOENIX, Dec. 2—(Spl.)—Junior class of Phoenix high school will present their annual play, "The Phantom Bells," by Robert St. Clair in the high school gymnasium at 8 p. m., December 16. The play is being put on under direction of Miss Pugh, English instructor. A small charge will be made.

A house that has been deserted for years, in the walls of which mysterious bells are heard to tinkle at night; a house where people mysteriously disappear, only to return apparently dead, and then come miraculously to life; a house where mysterious footprints end in the middle of the room as if the owner had suddenly sprouted wings and taken flight—these are a few of the things Laura Rhodes, played by Shirley Schlund, and her young stepmother, played by Irma Hill, encounter when they arrive at "the house of the bells."

The rest of the cast includes Gladys Brisbine, Helen Briscoe, Marjorie Kettlewell; Gene Davis as the male lead, Bob Wilcox, Eston Way, Lewis Newbry, and Douglas Hust.

CHRISTMAS STAR HUNG IN STREET

Constructed of 84 little 10-watt red and green lights, a four-foot Christmas star hangs directly over the Main street and Central avenue intersection today, a beautiful reminder that the Yuletide season is near at hand.

The five-pointed star, erected by the city last night, is 13 feet above the pavement. It faces Main street and will be illuminated tonight in case the present rain stops. Regardless of the weather, it will shine with light next Saturday night, City Inspector Frank Rogers stated.

SCHOOL OPERETTA TONIGHT, SATURDAY

Approximately 400 students from the grade schools and Junior high will present the operetta "Rumpelstiltzken" at 7:30 tonight in the Senior high school auditorium.

Tickets may be purchased from the department music teachers in each school or at the performances.

Saturday at 1 p. m. a matinee will be presented so that not only the children of Medford but also those living out of town will have an opportunity to see it.

No Dull Moments in Driving

By Walter L. Smith

This is one of the beauty spots of the world and in order to really enjoy this Rogue River valley one must take an auto drive through the hills on the country roads.

Let's start from the chamber of commerce. Are you all seated comfortably? I start the motor, look both up and down the street to see that the way is clear, and extend my left arm straight out to signal any motorists in back that I am pulling out from the curb. We proceed west on Main street. We pass several beautiful stores and a lot of highly-decorated windows. Pardon, me folks, while I sound my horn. Some fellow is just ahead of us in the center of the street just creeping along. I will signal him and he will move over to let us pass. I will signal him again. Maybe he didn't hear us. No, he still holds that position. Oh, yes, I see now; he has extended his left arm straight out. Now I know. He is going to turn left through the park. Our citizens are sure good safe drivers. Always give signals.

What do you know about that? He turned to the right by the Medford hotel. Pardon, folks, he evidently was just learning. You know we all have to learn some time.

Now folks, this is Oakdale avenue. On our left you see our court house. Really something to be proud of. In this building all our county ——

Oh, boy! That was close! If I hadn't had good brakes I would have run right into that old man with that old car. I see he is parking so if you will excuse me I will speak to him for his own good.

"Say, mister, did you see that stop sign over there? You should stop at those places. I nearly ran into you as you didn't stop——"

The old man: "Say, you young whipper snapper, I drove these streets before you was born and as a taxpayer of this here county I ain't taking none of your smartness. If you're a part of the law in this here town I'll see that your fired."

Back to the car and on our way. We are nearly to Jacksonville. We will turn right here towards Central Point. The first place we pass is the Hanley ranch. One of the pioneer places of the valley. They have not gone in for fruit but have held to real farming by raising some of the best alfalfa in the valley.

Now we will go up this hill and from the top of the raise you will behold a sight that will hold you spell bound as you look over the Rogue River valley. Now prepare to look to the right and see—Look out! Any one hurt? Can you see that fellow's number? He was right in the middle of the road and never slowed up a little, just kept on going. If I hadn't pulled into the ditch we might have all been in the hospital or the morgue.

I think I will have to get back as I just remembered I have an engagement. I will try and show you the valley a little later.

These driving hazards are seen daily. We do not do these things purposely but we just don't think. Let's be more thoughtful of others. Maybe we can avoid an accident, death or permanent injury.

EUGENE WILL FIX FEES ON SEWAGE

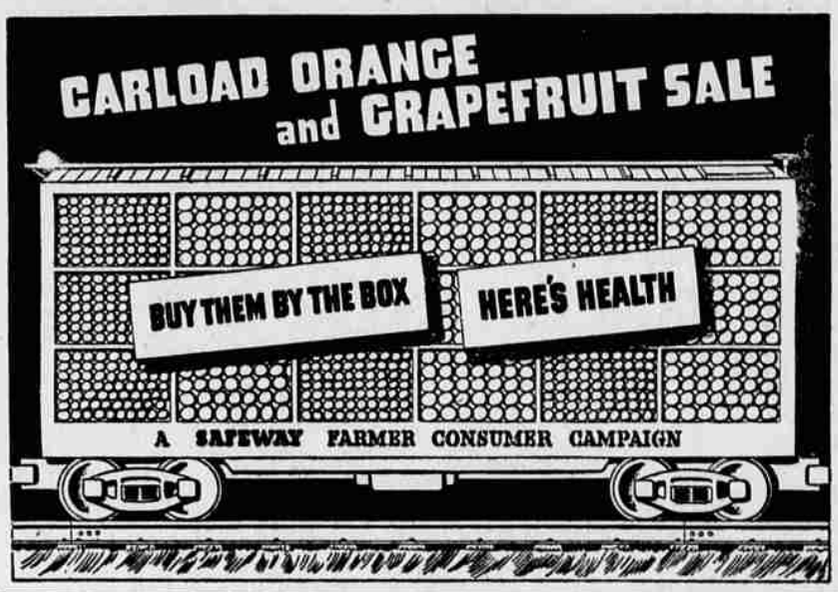
EUGENE, Dec. 2—(AP)—An ordinance providing for the rate schedule to be charged Eugeneans for sewage disposal and regulating operation of the proposed sewage disposal plant will be drafted at a meeting of the sewer committee of the city council, it was announced today by W. C. Clubb, city engineer.

Eugene voters approved a plan to build a sewage disposal plant here at the November election.

It is planned to charge 25 cents per customer for those who use less than 25,000 cubic feet of water per month, Engineer Clubb said. Payments will be made to the water board office, the amount being assessed in connection with the water bills. Establishment where more than 25,000 cubic feet of water are used, will have higher rates prorated in accordance with the amount they use.

Revenue from customers is expected to produce $18,000 a year and at that rate the plant will be paid for in ten years.

In the U. S. jewel-movement field, pocket watch production quadrupled to reach 229,094, while wrist watch output tripled to 3,713,135.



FRUITS and VEGETABLES

ORANGES . . . 3 doz. 29c
New Navels ½ Case 98¢; Case $1.89

GRAPEFRUIT . . doz. 29c
Texas Seedless

SWEET POTATOES 6 lbs. 19c
Smooth Jerseys

BANANAS . . . . lb. 5c
Firm, Ripe

LETTUCE . Large heads . hd. 5c

Sugar . 3 lb. pkg. 17c
Powdered xxxx Finest

Karo . . 5 lb. tin 33c
Red or Blue Label

Raisins 4 lb. bag 19c
Thompson Seedless

Jello . . . package 5c
Your choice of six delicious flavors

Oxydol . lg. pkg. 19c
Makes washing twice as easy

FLOUR
Kitchen Craft, 49 lb. $1.39, Barrel $5.39
Harvest Blossom, 49 lb. $1.29, Barrel $4.98
Airlight, 49 lb. 95c, Barrel $3.75

Mayonnaise
Aristocrat qt. jar 39c

Salad Dressing
Aristocrat qt. jar 35c

EDWARDS
Dependable
2 lb. tin 45c

AIRWAY
3 lbs. 39c

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2 lbs. 39c

DEPENDABLE MEATS

Sauer Kraut . . qt. 5c

Pork Spare Ribs . . 13½c lb.

Pork Sausage 12½c lb.

Fresh Hamburger 10c lb

Beef Steak . . 15c lb.

Broken Sliced Bacon . 19c lb.

Cottage Cheese 11c pt.

Veal Roast . . 15c lb.

Prices Effective Saturday and Monday, December 3 and 5 in Medford and Central Point

TEA—Canterbury, Orange Peko	½ lb. pkg.	29c
APPLE BUTTER Kerr's New Pack	5 lb. tin 39¢ 27 oz. jar	23c
STRAWBERRY JAM Kerr's	2 lb. jar	35c
GRAHAM CRACKERS Loose-Wiles Honey Sweetened	2 lb. pkg.	26c
LIPTON'S TEA Orange Peko	½ lb. pkg.	39c
MOLASSES Brer Rabbit Gold Label	2½ lb. tin	33c
MOLASSES Aunt Dinah	2½ lb. tin	17c
SCHILLING SPICES—Allspice, Cinnamon, Clove, Cream of Tartar, Ginger, Mustard Nutmeg, Paprika	4 oz. tin	15c
SCHILLING PEPPER or SAGE	4 oz. tin	10c
A-1 SAUCE	6 oz. bottle	25c
LEA & PERRINS SAUCE	5 oz. bottle	29c
WAVERLY COCOA	2 lb. tin	15c
GUITTARD'S CHOCOLATE	2 lb. tin	69c
TOMATOES Josephine Extra Standards, No. 2½ tins, 3 for		29c
SUPERB SOAP Granulated	large pkg.	19c
PORK & BEANS Van Camps	11 oz. tin	5c
ZEE TISSUE	4 rolls	19c
WHITE KING Granulated Soap	lrg. pkg.	29c
WHITE KING Toilet Soap	4 bars	19c
PALMOLIVE SOAP For delicate complexions	3 bars	17c
CRYSTAL WHITE SOAP	10 bars	29c
IVORY FLAKES Safe for all silks and linens	pkg.	19c
KINGSFORD'S STARCH Corn or Gloss	3 pkgs.	25c
SALT—MAXIMUM Plain or Iodized	26 oz. shaker—2 for	15c
PEANUT BUTTER Real Roast	2 lb. jar	25c
WESSON OIL—The pure vegetable oil for holiday baking	½ gal.	65c
WALNUTS Oregon Medium Franquettes	lb.	19c
PEANUTS—Large, freshly-roasted, golden brown nuts	2 for	25c
POPCORN Large yellow variety	3 lbs.	25c
MINCEMEAT Kerr's Best	2 lbs.	25c
HONEY Stewart's New Fall Crop	5 lb. tin	39c
JELL WELL Pure Fruit Flavors	3 pkgs.	14c
SCHILLING'S EXTRACTS Vanilla or Lemon	2 oz. bottle	23c
VICTORY DOG FOOD	tall tins	5c
HOLIDAY CHOCOLATES Fancy Pack	2½ lb. box	69c
BAKERS COCOA	lb. tin	15c

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