

Clatsop County Taxpayers File Kick with Meier

Delegation Calls And Protests Increase In Salary of County Agent, Governor and Senator Marks Enter Discussion.

SALEM, March 31 (AP)—Protests against high taxes and requests that the governor select a farm expert not connected with any extension service or experimental station to head the new department of agriculture, were voiced by a delegation from Clatsop county late yesterday. Thirty persons, representing virtually every community in the lower Columbia river county, were granted an audience with Governor Julius L. Meier, in the senate chamber.

Under the leadership of L. E. Wilson, speakers presented an urgent plea for some relief in the present tax situation in that section. They criticized their county court in raising the county agent's salary and declared the services of the present official as unwarranting a raise. Virtually every member requested the Governor not to consider the name of A. E. Enghretson, head of the experimental station in that county, as a possible candidate for director of agriculture, as they understood was the case.

The Governor, during the discussion told the delegation he had not yet selected the agricultural head, and that he was glad to hear their recommendations. He suggested the group organize into a taxpayers league and submit their findings of conditions to him in writing, as well as criticisms they had to make of any official. He said he would meet their requests insofar as his office would permit him, though he pointed out that other than state taxes caused the high millage rate in Clatsop county, as was the case in every other county in the state.

Commendation of the Governor's veto of \$500,000 of the educational appropriation was voiced by Mrs. Rose O. Johnson. She stated that 20 per cent of the property in the county was delinquent, and that farmers demanded some cut, or they would be unable to pay further tax levies.

Mrs. Johnson, Dave Tweedle and Wilson, as well as other speakers, voiced criticism of the activities of Enghretson as head of the experimental station. They declared he was "interested in too many other affairs." They suggested the station be discontinued.

Willard L. Marks, of Linn county, present at the hearing, declared that it was not the state tax which caused the high rate, but it was levies voted by the people themselves, which brought the millage to a high figure. Of the tax dollar, he said, less than four cents goes to the state, less than seven cents to the county administration, while 46 cents goes to education, 23 cents for

POLICE MAY HAVE TIP ON GIRL SLAYER

FORTLAND, March 31, (AP)

—On the chance a motorist who passed through Portland March 10, avoiding the business district, might be the slayer of little Virginia Brooks, whose mutilated body was found on a lonely California Mesa the same day, police were working on a tip supplied them last night.

L. J. Gill of Kellogg, Idaho, wrote to officers here that a man answering the general description of one of those sought by California police picked up two hitch hikers near Redding,

Calif., on March 9, and brought them as far as Portland.

The writer, one of the hikers, said the man told of driving from San Diego in haste.

He claimed to have been a war veteran, Gill said, and was about 45 with florid complexion and steel grey hair. The back of his car was filled with clothing and camping equipment. While passing through Salem and Eugene he avoided the business sections, Gill said.

Police has little to say regarding through Salem and Eugene that a similar report led to the capture of William Edward Hickman, California child murderer.

LOS ANGELES, March 31, (AP)—Arrested by federal officers who alleged he attempted to cash nearly \$300 in money orders here yesterday, Reid H. O'Brien, 21, also was held today as a suspect in the slaying of Virginia Brooks, San Diego school girl.

Officers claim O'Brien admitted stealing the money from his mother's grocery store in Tecate, Mexico. Bloodstains on his small

roupe and on a hunting knife in the car aroused suspicion. Captain William Bright of the sheriff's homicide detail said O'Brien denied any connection with the Brooks slaying but confessed an attack on a 17 year old girl at Campo, near San Diego, last February.

INSOMNIACS? LIARS

MILLWAUKEE—Insomnia is nothing more or less than a serious case of prevarication, and, according to Dr. J. L. Garvey, Garvey, former assistant professor of neurology at the University of Michigan, its chief cure is self-treatment. "It is a well known fact that most insomniacs are liars about their own conditions," he says. "They often worry about not sleeping, and the fear of not being able to sleep is as bad as the lack of sleep."

According to the treasury department, the President of the United States receives his salary check semi-monthly. He receives a check for \$3,125 signed by the treasurer of the United States.

WATSON AND HOOVER MEET AT BREAKFAST

WASHINGTON, March 31, (AP)

Senator Watson expressed unalterable opposition to an increase in taxes or a federal bond issue to meet the treasury deficit after a breakfast conference today with President Hoover at the White House.

The Indiana, republican leader of the senate, did not obtain the President's views on the federal financial situation but disclosed his own to the executive in an hour and a half talk which embraced a field of political and governmental problems. The two agreed there was no

need for an extra session of congress to deal with unemployment and farm relief, and that an armistice in political debate would permit a more rapid economic rehabilitation.

It was agreed, Watson said, that "there is no great rush about reorganization of the Republican National committee," now headed by Senator Peas of Ohio.

"Our thought was," the Senator said, "to let the country rest from politics, go ahead and attend to business and rehabilitate ourselves free from the clamor of politics."

"Too many people are paying too much attention to the stock market, as a result the business world instead of keeping step to the music of the union is keeping step to the click of the ticker."

Senator Watson laid before the President the request of a group of private organizations for an extra session of congress by May 1. He said, however, the executive "has no notion about calling an extra session."

PURCHASES ACREAGE

Several tracts in the Homedale subdivision were purchased Sunday, according to announcement made. Those purchasing acreage Sunday are Leo E. Friend, two tracts; Robert H. Smith one tract; William H. Morris, 1 tract. All of the new owners are planning to start construction of their new homes at once and move on to the property to make their permanent residence.

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