

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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(Note—This is the fifth in a series of weekly articles dealing with the state ballot in November.)

SLOT MACHINE SEIZURE BY SHERIFFS AND DESTRUCTION ON COURT ORDER

This is one of two acts of the last legislative session to be attacked by the referendum and placed on the November ballot for action by the voters.

Sponsored by Senator Carney of Clackamas county the measure is designed to prohibit the possession, operation, control or playing of nickel-in-the-slot machines or other devices of like character in which the element of chance predominates and which vend money or merchandise as a reward for winning.

The act declares such machines to be nuisances and authorizes their seizure by the sheriff and their ultimate destruction upon court order.

NO "FISH TO FRY"

SALEM—Dead whales cast upon the sands of Oregon shore line by the sad sea waves are not a responsibility of the state highway commission. At least the commission refuses to accept the responsibility for the one deposited on the beach south of Waldport last week. When attention of the highway department here was called to the act of 1913 under which the state legislature designed all beaches as public highways the highway department countered with the argument that public highways are not necessarily state highway—at least not until the highway commission so designates them. For reasons of its own the highway commission has never seen fit to take over control of the

beaches for state highway purposes. At the time the act in question was passed, it is pointed out, all highways in Oregon were under the control of the several counties. In the absence of any legislation to the contrary public highways which have not been designated as state highways are assumed to still remain a county responsibility. In that case it would appear that Lincoln county has a whale of a problem on its hands.

USE OF "JUICE" DROPS

In spite of the material increase in the use of electricity by residential customers June consumption of electric energy throughout the state was off about 4.38 per cent as compared to June, 1937, according to a report by N. G. Wallace, public utilities commissioner. The slump was accounted for by a sharp decline in industrial consumption. At that, however, the decline in Oregon was not as great as for the nation at large. Commissioner Wallace points out. Rate decreases put into effect by various electric utilities throughout the state during the past year have resulted in a saving to residential customers of approximately \$58,000 per month.

W. P. A. HELPS FAIR

The Works Progress Administration has just announced a new grant of \$6318 for the state fair. The money will be used in land-scaping and beautifying the grounds, according to Leo Spitzbart, manager of the fair.

STATE POLICE DO SOME EDUCATING

State police made 688 arrests for traffic law violations during July and presented 868 other motorists with "warning slips" according to the monthly report of Chas. P. Pray, superintendent of police. Failure to secure the requisite drivers license accounted for 105 of the arrests while 63 other motorists were required to explain to the judge just why they were driving around without the proper license plates. Most of the warning slips went to motorists who were found to have faulty brakes or lights.

FOR SOME—TIGHTENING OF BELLS

An increase in the relief load this winter due to lack of seasonal employment throughout the state, was forecast by the State Relief committee in a report to Governor Martin. Already, even in the midst of hop and prune harvest the decline in the relief load has begun to level off the report pointed out.

SPEED UP—OR ELSE

The Public Works Administration has warned the Board of Control that work on the proposed new heating plant to serve the capitol group of buildings must be under way by October 14 if the state expects to benefit from the federal grant of \$56,132 recently approved for this project.

WAGE AVERAGE UP

The average daily wage paid workers in Oregon industries during June was \$4.47, highest since last September when it reached an average of \$4.63. Industries covered by the Oregon Workmen's Compensation act paid out a total of \$154,945.697 in wages during the fiscal year ending June 30, an increase of 12 per cent over the wages paid by the same industries during the preceding year.

CALL OF THE OPEN SEA

Amon the most popular books in the state library, according to Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian are "Navigation," by Vosseller which has been borrowed 49 times in less than four years; "Automotive Construction and Operation," by Wright which has been out 37 times in the same period and "How to win friends and Influence People," by Carnegie one copy of which has been read by at least 31 borrowers in a little over a year.

SALES TAX IN DISGUISE PERHAPS

The Citizens Retirement Annu-

ity Bill which will appear on the November ballot, was attacked as "a monstrous sales tax, a sales tax on a sales tax, a pyramiding super-sales tax," in a negative argument filed for the Voters' Pamphlet by the Oregon Business and Investors league.

NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST

Although the legislature made provision for the inclusion of arguments in opposition to the four referred measures, no one took advantage of the opportunity to present the negative side of the argument on these measures in the Voters Pamphlet.

LANDSCAPED

The work of widening Court street in front of the new capitol building will not be complete before the middle of October according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Work of widening the Summer street approach to the new capitol is also well under way as also is the landscaping project on the capitol grounds.

SUNSET VALLEY

Farmers of this vicinity are taking advantage of the bargain in railroad ties at Dunaway siding. C. A. Ditty bought some for posts. Mr. Hobson is building a granary of them and Don Share hauled several truck loads for Oce Schweizer last week. The railroad track is open for automobile travel now from Sunset Valley to Snively's camp and a number of our people have traveled that far for a swim in the pool. It is said to be a very good place to go swimming.

Roy Warren was admitted to the Boise Veteran's hospital early last week to have his teeth pulled. Mrs. Chas Schweizer and Mrs. Tom Lowe were visitors at the E. H. Brumbach home in Big Bend Wednesday.

Miss Henemora Cloninger arrived here Friday evening for a two weeks visit with her parent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Newgen of Wilder were Sunday guests at the L. E. Newgen home. Bob Newgen returned with them for a few days visit. D. C. Moseley of Vale was also a visitor at the Newgen home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ditty were business visitors in Nampa and Boise Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cornell and son of Buena Vista called Sunday afternoon at the Henry Terra home. Mrs. Don Linville took her small son, Pat, to Nyssa Saturday to have the cast removed from his arm which was broken some time ago.

He came home with splints which may be removed in a few days. Arnold Wolfe, a student of a Nebraska college spent the past week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wolfe. He and his sister Miss Verbal Wolfe, a Nebraska teacher, who has been here since late June returned to Nebraska Tuesday.

Mrs. W. L. Bolitho and small daughter went to Caldwell last week for an extended visit with her mother.

Miss Clara Anderson who spent the past four weeks at the Hudd Robb home left Wednesday to spend a week with friends in Nampa and then to Nebraska to resume her duties as teacher at Elwood.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hillis and Miss Lillian Martin all of Burley were week end guests at the home of Mr. Hillis' parents Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hillis.

Mrs. Don Share of Cow Hollow spent Wednesday with Mrs. Oce Schweizer.

The young people enjoyed an Old Time dance at the Anderson home last week. They danced Tuesday night and had such a good time that they repeated the performance Thursday night.

Mrs. A. Notheis called Sunday at the home of Mrs. Elmer Cloninger.

Bill Roach was a guest at the Newgen home Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Atheson who is attending Links Business college in Boise was a week end guest of Tressa Ditty. She also visited her brother Jim.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schweizer were business visitors in Caldwell Friday.

Mrs. Oce Schweizer was an all day guest of Mrs. Ellis Walters Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. C. A. Ditty and Mrs. Leslie Ditty left Friday evening to attend the camp meeting of the Assembly of God at Ontario Junction.

C. A. Ditty, Mr. and Mrs. John Case and Miss Tressa Ditty attended camp meeting Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Terra received medical attention at the Nyssa clinic of Dr. Sarazin Tuesday.

Dwaine, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wilson had his tonsils removed last week.

Harold Reed, brother of Mrs. Pete Wilson, arrived here last week from Greeley, Colo.

Mrs. Bill Kendall of Lincoln, Neb., mother of L. R. Kendall arrived Friday. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Marshall and son Vance of Lincoln. Mrs. Bill Kendall and Mrs. Marshall are also visiting their brother, L. E. Wilson near Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton Adams and daughter were Friday night guests at the L. R. Kendall home. They returned to their home at Gooding Tuesday. Mr. Adams is a cousin of Mrs. Kendall.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Peterson of Winner South Dakota arrived at the L. R. Kendall home Tuesday. Mrs. Kendall and Mrs. Peterson are sisters.

The L. R. Kendall family and were entertained at dinner in the Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Bill Kendall R. A. Gee home near Nyssa Wednesday evening.

Mrs. L. R. Kendall entertained the Ralph Gee family of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Peterson and Mrs. Bill Kendall for dinner Tuesday evening. Mr. Gee is a brother of Mrs. Petersons are leaving for their home in South Dakota Thursday after having spent two weeks in the west.

Mrs. Vern Wilson returned Sunday from a visit with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner at McCall.

TEN DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foltz and niece Miss Jayne Foltz who were guests from Saturday until Wednesday in the home of his uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gahley left for their home in Kansas. Mr. Gahley accompanied them to Jerome, Idaho, where he visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Speth until Friday.

Louglas Gartan from Orofino called Thursday evening at the S. G. Tucker home to visit with Dudley Tucker, Douglas and Dudley were roommates at the University of Idaho last year.

Miss Wilma Gahley was a dinner guest last Wednesday of Miss Helen Albertson in Parma. Wilma visited from Wednesday until Friday evening with friends in Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sweet and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gahley Wilma Gahley, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bartles and Frank Gahley motored to Caldwell Sunday where they met a group of friends and relatives at Memorial Park for a picnic given in honor Mr. and Mrs. Linsay Atterberry of Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tucker and son Dudley were Sunday dinner guests in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker in Boise.

Miss Mary Aten and her aunt Mrs. Bessie Burnham of Arena Valley were callers in the Willard Bartles home Friday. Ruth Bartles accompanied them home where she visited until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Eagan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Menden, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston and son, Ruth Haydock, Mr. and Mrs. George Gray and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Dowell and family of Nampa, Mrs. Eva Chapman of Dixie met at the Memorial Park in Caldwell last Sunday where they enjoyed a family picnic, commemorating Buford Eagan and Donald Johnston birthday anniversaries.

Sunday dinner guests in the W. S. Adams home were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Nidlor and family and Robert Zanker of Star, Mr. and Mrs. August Gerke and family of Eagle and Cordron Woolery of Greenleaf.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Seabee and daughter Beverly and their nieces Alice Games and Arlene Wilkerson of Nodus returned Wednesday from their vacation trip to the ice caves Crater of the Moon, Sun Valley and through Yellowstone Park.

Mrs. Z. S. Barnum visited Mrs. Sarah Guffey and Mrs. Emma Willits last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erle Robertson of Boise called on friends in this community last Sunday.

Miss Irma Mattson of Lewiston was a caller in the S. G. Tucker home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vaene have returned to their home in Ontario. Ronald Kahn of Caldwell is spending a few days with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Seabee.

A number from this community attended the rodeo in Caldwell last week.

Threshing is in full swing in this community. Austin Goodson is blocking his lettuce.

Leave for Portland—Mrs. Sidney Burdighes with her three young daughters and her brother Verle Hoover left for Portland on the Wednesday evening Rose.

Attend Pioneer Picnic—On last Friday among those who attended the Pioneer picnic in Vale from Nyssa were Mrs. W. H. Beam, Mrs. Arthur V. Cook, Mrs. Walter Smith and Mrs. Mary Pelton, Mrs. May B. Tylor of Boise a house guest of Mrs. Beam also accompanied them.

The picnic has been voted the best to be held and an unusually large crowd attended. There was a mid-day banquet served in the park a very interesting afternoon program was provided. In the evening an old time dance was held in the community hall.

IRONSIDE

Elmer Molthan and son John sold 34 head of cows and yearlings to O. M. Wilson of Caldwell. They were driven to the Carlo ranch in Cow Valley and trucked from there to Caldwell. The price was not learned. Jeff Bilingaly of Ontario and Ike Powers each sold a bunch of cattle to Earl Robinson of Payette. They were driven from here to Brogan. The amount sold, and price obtained we did not learn.

Wayne and Richard Lofton have finished combining 100 acres at the Arthur Van Buren ranch of excellent oats and wheat 3000 bushels was the amount harvested. Just previous to that the Lofton brothers finished 70 acres of rye on their own farm with a wonderful yield. They are now at the Elmer Molthan ranch on wheat.

George Wirth of Malheur City and Miss Gladys Self of Ironside daughter of Mrs. Maud Self were quietly married at Payette last Thursday the 18th. They have the best wishes of their many friends, they are at present residing at the parental Wirth home near Malheur City.

Most all Grangers and many others attended the Tri-County picnic Sunday the 21st on Camp creek. There were about 300 present and all report a fine time and very much enjoyed the fine talk by State Grange Master Ray Gill.

Mrs. Addie Taylor of Brogan has been a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carlos Lofton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Molthan were called to Ontario last Sunday to the bedside of the former's mother Mrs. S. M. Molthan who is very ill, but is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Presley and son Roy of Vale were week end guests at the Orville Nichols home and attended the dance and Grange picnic while here.

The dance given by Eldorado Grange on the 20th was a success from every standpoint with one of the largest crowds yet attending. They will sponsor another dance Sept. 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McClosky and baby of Fresno, Cal., are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Masters and at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Fish.

Those attending the Pioneer reunion at Vale on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Elms, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Buren and granddaughter Genevieve Van Buren and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Beam and Joseph Allison.

Eldorado Grange held its regular meeting on Friday with all officers and a good attendance of members. Eight new members were given the third and fourth degrees. The lecturer again dispensed with her program owing to the lateness of the hour. Mesdames Gordon Dickson and Walter Worsham served ice cream and cake at the close.

Visiting Parents—Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Haycock of Salt Lake who have visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Haycock for the past week left for their home on Wednesday.

Aunt Visits—Mrs. Maggie E. Sexton of Abenele is visiting at the home of her niece Mrs. Charles Garrison for a few days. Mrs. Sexton is returning to her home after an extended trip.

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Returns from Visit—

Mrs. Oscar Shafer of Kingman Kolony returned from a weeks visit with her mother in Star. Her baby is now considerably improved.

Entertains Club—

Mrs. Albert Hopkins was hostess for the Oregon Trail H. E. C. on Tuesday, at which seven members were present. Plans were completed for fair exhibits and the guests worked upon the quilt they are preparing for their bazaar later on. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Joe Stamm on Friday, September 10.

Dixon Nursing Home—

There was born at the Dixon Nursing home on Sunday morning a nine pound son to Mr. and Mrs. John Koopman. The child has been named James and Dr. Sarazin reports both mother and babe are doing nicely.

An on Sunday morning also a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Woodley. The little miss has been named Gloria and weighed six and one quarter pounds with Dr. L. A. Maulding in attendance.

Miss Bernice Hoover was discharged on Wednesday and returned to her home in Dakota.

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