

## STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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

### AMENDING LEGALIZING CERTAIN LOTTERIES AND OTHER FORMS OF GAMBLING

This, the twelfth and last of the ballot measures to be analyzed in this series, is a proposed amendment to the state constitution under which the state would have the exclusive right to license certain lotteries and other forms of gambling.

The measure provides for licensing, taxing and regulating bowling alleys, bridge studios, pool and billiard rooms, shooting galleries, horse racing, dog racing and other forms of racing; and racing establishments conducted under the mutual or other wagering system; bank

night; punchboards; pin ball games; vending machines and raffles and bazaars conducted by churches or other organizations for charitable purposes.

As a sugar coating to the measure it is provided that the bulk of the revenue realized from licenses and fees collected under its provisions shall be used in financing old age pensions. The legislature would be authorized to apportion not to exceed 40 percent of the license money to the city or county in which the revenue originates and another not more than 10 percent to the support of public fairs or exhibitions.

### VETS ASK LEVY BE OMITTED

Oregon property owners will be spared the necessity of plunging up for the support of the World War veterans state aid commission next year if the state tax commission follows the recommendations of the veterans commission and waives the half mill levy, as is expected. With loan repayments to the commission decreasing and its debt service increasing the wisdom of this action is seriously questioned by many well informed state officials who predict that the slight saving to the taxpayers next year will be far more than offset by increased revenues made necessary in future years in order to keep the commission's sinking fund out of the red. Three times before this levy has been omitted, two times under the late Governor Meier and once under Governor Martin. Indications that income tax collections next year might not be sufficient to cover all state needs is believed to be responsible for the commission's recommendation that its levy be waived.

### MAJORITY OF TIMBERLAND PUBLIC OWNED

Of the 23,313,267 acres of timber land in Oregon, 15,500,000 acres or more than 60 per cent, are in some form of public ownership. State Forester J. W. Ferguson, points out in his annual report this week. The federal government alone owns more than 16,500,000 acres of timber lands in this state. Of the remaining less than 1,000,000 acres the counties own 874,744 acres and the state, 149,783 acres. Of the state's forest holdings 71,105 acres are included in the Ellet State forest located south of the Umpqua river near Reedsport.

### INTEREST BILL SHOWS DECLINE

Oregon's annual interest bill has been reduced by more than \$1,000,000 in the past ten years, according to State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman. In 1928 the state was paying \$2,928,322.68 a year to the coupon clippers. This year interest payments on state bonds amounted to only \$1,927,054. In the meantime the state's outstanding bonded debt has been reduced from a peak of \$66,062,810 in 1928 to \$42,791,935 at the present time. Since 1917 when this state first entered upon its bonding spree, first for good roads and later for a soldiers' bonus, Oregon has paid out a total of \$44,896,091 in interest, Holman points out.

### DEMOCRATS SHOW GAIN

Early registration returns show substantial gains by the Democrats in practically every county. Sixteen counties reporting to the state department up to Saturday night gave the Democrats an advantage of 1262 over the Republicans as compared with the primary registrations. While it is not expected that the Republican lead of 16,000 maintained at the close of the registrations prior to the primary election will be wiped out it was evident that it would be materially reduced.

### DO UNTO OTHERS

This is "Be Kind to People Week." Governor Martin, in a statement to the press, urged residents of Oregon to devote the week to a better understanding of their fellowmen.

## RIVERVIEW

Mrs. Plack of Fruitland visited at the Lowe home Monday.

Wilbur McGinnis returned last Thursday from North Dakota, where he had gone to get some of the household furnishings and farming machinery from the former home of the McGinnis family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Alman Meacham of Victor, Idaho, came Sunday evening to visit with the Hibbert family.

Joe Waud who has been suffering from an infected hand, is reported to be getting along nicely now.

Ronald Nelson of Payette was a visitor at the Tom Lowe home on Sunday.

Anne and Frank Johnson have been having difficulties with the dam which they built to keep water for their stock this winter. It has broken several times.

Quigley's threshing crew is threshing clover at the Vest home this week and last.

Herschel Clowers of Washington came Monday noon to make a visit with the Clowers family.

Carl Salzer of Gem Avenue is ill in the hospital.

Mrs. Grover and Mrs. Bob Vest visited at the Barney Ligart home last Sunday.

Miss Kathleen Lowe plans to go to Homedale next Thursday to visit for a week with her aunt, Mrs. John Redman.

## BUENA VISTA

Lester Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Day enjoyed a pleasant feed at the Howard Day home at Wilder Sunday.

A 4-H club was organized at the E. L. Jamison home Saturday with Mrs. Jamison as leader. The following girls intend to take up the 4-H club work: Romona and Winona Henderson, Juanita Boyles, Leona Willis, Donna Belle Goodell and Eriss Jamison.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Scott and Dick spent Saturday night at the Henry Day home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb and children called at the C C Wyckoff home Sunday.

Alva Goodell threshed clover seed for Carl Funk and C. C. Wyckoff last week.

Joe Stephen combine alfalfa seed for E. L. Jamison.

We had a light frost Monday night in this district.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy called at the L. E. Topliff home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wyckoff and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell called at the Eldridge Gaston home Sunday.

Tommy Ritter spent Thursday at the Silas Hoffman home.

Miss Alma Day spent Saturday night with Leona Kuske.

C. C. Wyckoff is working in the beets at the Frank Morgan farm.

Bob White and Jo Briggs visited at the Henry Day home Wednesday night.

Silas Hoffman plastered Henry Day's, George Cleaver's and Guy Farmer's cisterns last week.

We are still looking for some improvements on our roads. So far we've had nothing but promises and not very strong ones at that. The roads are ideal for working after the rain of last week.

## RICHLAND

The R. Cornells were Nampa visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner were called to Pendleton because of the illness of their grandson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce spent Sunday with the Elmer Sweeney family.

Mesdames Baker and Chadwick spent the afternoon with Mrs. C. H. Bennett.

E. H. Brants were Nampa visitors Saturday.

Jean and Ann Johnson attended a party for their cousin Luella Leuck. They spent the night with her.

Glen Sulter called on H. V. Maw Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pierce were dinner guests of Mrs. Bud Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Udlinek were visitors at the home of their parents R. Udlinek.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Powell and family were dinner guests at the L. A. Higby home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Adams and daughter had dinner and spent the afternoon at the Ed Nelson home.

Mrs. C. H. Bennett called on Mrs. Mary Chaise Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McGee had dinner with H. V. Maw Monday.

The wind and rain is holding up haying in Richland.

Freddie Bennett called on the

## Willis boys Sunday.

The J. Cameron family spent the afternoon with the M. Jarvis family.

Out of the girls of Richland that joined the 4-H club that Mrs. Jamison started were Juanita Boyles, Leona Willis, holding office as secretary, Romona Henderson president, Winona Henderson vice president.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Nielson stayed for a few days with Mrs. Nielson's parents of Nampa, returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Maw called at the Tom Johnson home Monday evening.

Ed Henderson put up an electric fence.

Many of the farmers are re-menting and filling their cisterns.

Carl Funk is threshing his clover.

## OWYHEE

Owyhee Parents Teacher association met at the school house Friday afternoon for its regular meeting. Mrs. Monna Colley was elected in the place of Mrs. Abbott who was the former secretary and Mrs. Fred Hite was elected vice president in Mrs. L. E. Newgens place, as Mrs. Newgen had resigned owing to the illness of her daughter. Mrs. Ernest Smith reported a pre-school study group had been organized. Delegates were appointed to the county council, plans were made for a Halloween party and a committee appointed to study ways and means to raise money a little later. Mrs. Helen Potampka was appointed summer round up chairman. After the business meeting an article entitled "Grades" was read by the president, Martha Klingback. Several members expressed their willingness to lead 4-H clubs this winter and plans are underway to get the club started.

The bond election at the Owyhee school Monday carried 20 to 7. Plans are underway to have the bonds sold so work can begin on the school house to be built in the south end of the district.

Lee Culbertson is still quite ill, the doctor has been out to see him several times.

Chas. Culbertson finished digging his beets Thursday, the yield was approximately 20 tons per acre. Russell Patton and Lynn Kygar are digging their beets this week.

Kenneth McDonald and Ab Gibson of Homedale were supper guests at the Klingback home Thursday. They were on their way to attend a safety meeting in Nyssa.

Margaret Klingback was an overnight guest of Kathleen Clowers Wednesday.

Mrs. Arnold Slippy and daughter are spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Chas Culbertson while Mr. Slippy is away on a deer hunt.

Mesdames Blanch Hite and Martha Klingback attended the County Council in Ontario Saturday. Louise Klingback and Doris and Iris Hite accompanied them.

Paul Gilbert and his brother who is lately from California visited at the Ray Franklin home Sunday.

Margaret Mitchell is working at the Mossburger home in Oregon Trail.

Lynn Kygar installed a new water system last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Westfall are helping Ernest Barker of Kingman Kolony harvest beets.

Howard Evans began working at the sugar beet factory in Nyssa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Patton visited the Owyhee dam Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Walters and son and Miss Geraldine Parsons made a trip to Walla Walla last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bigelow entertained at dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strickland and sons Ray and Glen.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gordon were Ontario visitors Saturday.

## MITCHELL BUTTE

Rosie Keck of Oregon Trail visited with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Keck, who lives on the Mendeola ranch.

J. P. Dunaway is repairing and putting up new posts and wire around his ranch.

Slyde Mitchell and Russell Talbot have started digging a basement.

Loretta Mitchell is staying at the Archie Smith home.

Mrs. Jane McGinnis spent last week visiting with her sister-in-law Mrs. John Contell of Montour.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Chard and family visited at the Russell Talbot home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Smith and

family visited with Mrs. Marion Chard and baby at Owyhee last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fivecoat visited with their father, Walter Benson of Oregon Trail last Friday.

## NYSSA HEIGHTS

Leslie Pennie stopped for a few days visit with his brother Webb Pennie and family. He is on his way to spend the winter with relatives at Roseburg, Ore.

Mrs. Englesby, Thurman and Betty visited Sunday afternoon at the E. L. Lungu home.

Wednesday dinner guests at the G. E. Webster home were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seward of Apple Valley. Dorothy Hamilton of Big Bend was an overnight guest of Norma Sulter Thursday.

Webb Pennie and brother Leslie were visiting at the Bill Willis home in Ontario Monday.

Mrs. F. J. Cahill and Mrs. Robert Smith called on Mrs. Dan Corbett Friday afternoon.

Vivian Malloy spent Sunday afternoon with Leona Lunge.

Dinner guests at the G. E. Webster home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith and daughter Faye, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smith of Ontario. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Osterkamp and Mr. and Mrs. Rees Byram.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson had quite a surprise when an old friend Mr. Lamberston from the west drove in and delivered a large Chinook Salmon that his brother Jim had sent them.

The Andersons entertained Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Noris of Nyssa.

Webb Pennie platted a cistern for Jim Moss the last of the week.

R. M. Cochran of Nyssa helped with Rees Byram's cistern the last of the week.

The Idaho Power has been extending the power line so as to let more of the new landers enjoy good light this winter.

Leland Morris of Nyssa spent Monday evening at the Dan Corbett home.

I. O. O. F. MEETS IN ONTARIO

Oregon Grand Lodge officials of the I. O. O. F. order witnessed the giving of the initiatory degree to Kenneth Langton and Roy C. Pounds into the Nyssa lodge at the Odd Fellows hall in Ontario last Thursday night.

The occasion was the visitation of Grand Lodge officers to the

## FUN'N FACTS

By ED. PRUYN

Howdy Polks: One of the boys in the barber shop says that an old maid is one who has to run all her own errands because no one will go for her.

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Deputy Grand Master Steele congratulated the Gate City lodge on its growth and prospects in Nyssa. Noble Grand Solomon extended a

welcome to the officers and, on behalf of the Nyssa lodge, thanked the visitors for their visit to the lodge. Ontario order, not only for turning over the use of its hall for the evening, but for its hearty cooperation in the ceremonies of the meeting.

An oyster supper was served in the dining room.

Those from Nyssa attending the meeting Friday night at Ontario were M. F. Solomon, Harry King, r. y. John Ostrom, Jim Caldwell and Charles V. Starks.

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