

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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SALEM—Although the legislative session still has at least another week or ten days to run its program is now sufficiently developed as to make it fairly safe to predict that there will be no new taxes imposed upon the people of Oregon.

There are a number of tax and revenue measures in the legislative hopper, notably a sales tax, a gross income tax and a proposal to boost the price of liquor ten per cent for the benefit of relief. None of these proposals, unless it is the liquor price increase, has attracted any appreciable support. Oregon has swatted the sale tax so hard and so often that the legislators do not take kindly to any proposal to submit another measure of this kind to the electorate, at least not just yet. Then too, the attitude of Governor Sprague, who has turned thumbs down on new taxes, has not been conducive to any enthusiastic support of any tax program.

The only demand for more revenue has come from the better pension group whose spokesmen have agreed to support a gross income tax if the lawmakers will admit such a measure to the voters. The grange and organized labor, on the other hand, have warned that they will vigorously oppose such a measure as they have in the past so these proposals will probably be permitted to die in committee.

Senator Ellis' proposal to increase the price of liquor has attracted considerable interest and has some chance of enactment although the state liquor commission is opposing it. If enacted the additional revenue from this source would go to the counties to help finance relief costs. Ellis estimates this to amount to something in the neighborhood of \$1,250,000 for the biennium.

Administration advisors, too, have abandoned their plan to sock the small income tax payer in order to make up losses from the intangibles

tax levy which it is proposed to repeal. Instead it is now proposed to make up these losses from a surtax on intangible incomes and increased levies against corporation incomes.

A sit-down strike by the legislators failed to materialize when members who had agreed to support a sine die resolution closing the session at midnight Friday got cold feet and refused to go through with the program. Senator Lyman Ross of Washington county who was promoting the move as a gesture of protest against the 40-day pay limit and the \$3 per diem, claims to have had the promise of 18 votes in the upper house, more than enough to insure passage of his resolution, while at least 25 representatives were said to be ready to vote to go home. Rumors of the threatened adjournment with all of the big legislation still untouched and none of the appropriations made brought a statement from Governor Sprague to the effect that he would not call a special session if the lawmakers quit and went home before finishing their job.

It is now proposed to dissolve the capitol reconstruction commission as of April 1 and turn its functions over to the state board of control. It had originally been planned to continue this commission in effect until August. It is estimated that overhead expenses of the commission amounting to approximately \$1200 a month will be saved by its early dissolution.

Civil service for state employees is a dead issue so far as this legislative session is concerned. The measure proposing this governmental reform was killed in the senate with only eight votes in its favor.

The usual flood of salary increases are being approved by the lawmakers. A measure increasing the salary of the deputy state treasurer from \$3600 to \$4800 a year has already been signed by the governor. Bills still pending provide better salaries for the deputy secretary of state, state labor commissioner, corporation commissioner and state printer. In addition there are numerous salary increases for county officials.

While there does not appear to be any likelihood that the lawmakers will attempt to wipe out the milk control board there is much sentiment for some changes in the milk control act. One measure which has already passed the house would confine the operation of the act to the larger cities of the state. Senators Mahoney and Chaney who are sponsoring a bill to abolish the board have announced that they will carry their fight to the people if the legislature turns them down.

APPLE VALLEY

Bill Metzger Jr. who has been working at John Day since his return from Alaska is now at home. Miss Mary Boston went to Boise Sunday where she has employment. Mr. and Mrs. James Correll and Quenton Correll spent Sunday in the home of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Wilson and daughter are settled in the Herb Nelson house.

John Fisher spent Sunday in New Plymouth.

Miss Ione Tryon of Iowa, spent Friday night and Saturday in Apple Valley.

Gus Roth and daughters spent Sunday at the Henry Meier home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Miller were guests of his brother in Melba Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stout went to Boise Sunday to see their daughter, Norma.

Mrs. McLafferty, formerly of Nyssa spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Mollie Nelson.

Donald Nichols has been very ill for the past few weeks. But is improving now.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey spent Monday at the Melvin Hathaway home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Justus and child will move into the house on the Witt place.

Friday Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pieltstick were in Wilder calling at the Charles Van Cleef home.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Vertrees, Mr. and Mrs. Whisler, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nichols and Elmer and Mrs. Pettit and Olive Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Whisler Jr. and Mr. Roberts attended grange at Arena Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Rucker and sons spent Saturday in Caldwell.

Mr. Johnson has moved his family from the old Rucker place to the small house of the Hale Iiams place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dav Magee have moved into the house the Johnsons vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Province of Oregon spent Thursday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher.

Mrs. B. T. Osborne was a guest of Mrs. John Poage Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hild visited at Fruitland and Ontario Sunday.

Carol Sparks of Yakima visited his parents the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Ray went to Caldwell Sunday and brought their grandson, Jimmy Miller home to spend a few days.

Services for next Sunday will be: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; worship service at 11 a. m.; combined youth the worship service at 7:30 p. m. B.

T. Osborne, pastor.

Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Poage Tuesday and Mrs. Harry Wood was assistant hostess. Devotions included group singing, scripture reading and a questionnaire read by Mrs. Stephens. Then followed a prayer by Mrs. Minton, a duet by Mrs. L. Caldwell and Mrs. Poage. Plans were made and committees appointed to handle the serving of lunch at the J. N. Meador sale. Mrs. Meador resigned as president and Mrs. F. D. Miller was appointed. Mrs. Meador was presented handkerchiefs from the group. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowell from Lindsay, Ontario, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. S. McIntyre left for their home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ray, Miss Lucile Ray and Mr. Rogers spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Othyl Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sparks are at home after visiting her parents at Kuna.

Carl Pieltstick sold 20 pigs Monday.

BIG BEND

Mrs. M. F. Hamilton was pleasantly surprised Tuesday when Mesdames Toy Welsh, Plin Case, Charles Marston, Elmer Woods and Ralph Stark and Miss Bowman dropped in with well filled lunch baskets to help her celebrate her birthday.

Mr. Harris and Frank Taylor of Caldwell were dinner guests Tuesday in the Phelan home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Judd of Newell Heights were callers in the Brumbach home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan and Clay of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Steel of Roswell were dinner guests in the Brumbach home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haworth and daughters were dinner guests in the Edwin Cresser home in Meridian Sunday.

A number of Mr. and Mrs. Jo-King's friends dropped in Sunday evening to help them celebrate their wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Frances Looney and Minerva Looney of Caldwell were over night guests at the Will Schultz home Wednesday.

N. S. Phelan transacted business in Ontario Thursday.

Mrs. Dan Holly entertained Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Pillsbury and Mrs. Phelan at a theatre party Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sweet and their house guests Kenneth Timm spent Thursday visiting in Boise.

Mrs. Babe Hamilton was a business visitor in Wilder Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Haworth entertained the Book club at her home Saturday evening. Mrs. Schweizer concluded the review of "Ole Her Own" and Mrs. J. P. Dunaway reviewed "Listen The Wind."

Mrs. Will Roberts, Miss Harriet Ahsam and Mrs. Gene Nightingale of Ontario were guests of the club.

Mrs. F. A. Miller entertained at an afternoon tea Thursday.

On Wednesday afternoon the pupils of Wade school gave a short program in celebration of both Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays.

Ezra Brumbach of Boise spent a couple of days last week visiting home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brewer and daughter have moved to the Bradley ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fremwell have moved to the Weir ranch.

Mesdames Thomason and Paul Jackson were in Ontario Monday taking medical treatment.

Beginning Feb. 27 the teachers and pupils will again enjoy a hour noon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haworth attended the funeral of Owen Roberts at Greenleaf Tuesday.

ADRIAN

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Walter McPartland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Rohland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McConnell and Mrs. Ellen Marker were visiting in Boise Sunday.

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3.50-17. \$14.65	6.50-16. \$19.35	5.50-17. \$13.20	6.50-16. \$17.40	5.00-19. \$9.35	6.00-16. \$11.95
6.00-16. \$15.95	7.00-15. \$21.35	6.00-16. \$14.35	7.00-15. \$19.20	5.25-17. \$9.65	6.25-16. \$13.45
6.00-17. \$16.50	7.00-16. \$21.95	6.00-17. \$14.85	7.00-16. \$19.75	5.25-18. \$10.00	6.50-16. \$14.50

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