



# Oregon State Archives

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## GOVERNOR CHARLES A. SPRAGUE ADMINISTRATION

### Record Descriptions

#### Summary of Records

The records of the Office of Governor Sprague consist of administrative and legal correspondence, proclamations, press releases, speeches, budget records, extraditions, special agents commissions, and legislative records.

The records document the extradition of criminals from other states, legal opinions from the State Attorney General, law enforcement concerns, meat inspection, taxes, establishment of a State Guard and relations with Japanese citizens during World War II, closure of forests due to extreme fire danger, unemployment, labor, and the Oregon Trail.

#### Administrative correspondence, 1938-1943

7 cubic feet

Arrangement: alphabetical by subject

Series documents the communications and activities of Governor Sprague's office. Series includes correspondence, informational pamphlets, and information requests.

Information includes financial analyses; names of board and commission members; agency heads; and emergency plans. Topics include natural resources, transportation, labor, taxation, recreation, federal programs, and foreign relations. Other subjects include child welfare, education, lumber, mining, patronage, pensions, polygamy, traffic safety, and youth.

Series also includes black and white photographs (4"x6" and 8"x10") of Governor Sprague, rotting apples at a dump site in Hood River, Oregon, exhibits at the San Francisco world's Fair, army troops, shipbuilding yards at Portland, and segments of the Oregon Trail.

Photographs have been separated.

#### Extraditions, 1939-1943

1.10 cubic feet

Arrangement: alphabetical by county name

Series documents activities involved in the extradition of criminals, both to and from the State of Oregon.

Records include action reports, travel vouchers for retrieving prisoners, extradition requests from other states, and investigation reports requested by the Governor to aid in his extradition decisions. Subjects include list of charges or indictments against criminals, reason for charges or indictments, and agreements of Attorney General with extradition request.

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### **Legal correspondence, 1939-1943**

.2 cubic feet

Arrangement: chronological by month of letter

Series documents communications and activities concerning legal problems and questions. Series includes affidavits, depositions, legal briefs, and correspondence.

Correspondence includes requests for the Governor to intervene on judicial matters, complaints as to job conditions, requests for legal opinions, and reports of the costs for extraditions.

Affidavits state facts of case and include names of individuals involved, dates, and location of crime. Depositions include statements of witnesses and includes dates, locations, and individuals involved, while legal briefs contain facts of case, issues, and arguments.

### **Budget records, 1939-1943**

.1 cubic foot

Arrangement: chronological by date within budget year

Series documents the development and maintenance of the Executive Departments budget.

Series includes the Office of the Governor's adopted operating budget as approved by the Legislative Assembly, correspondence, account breakdowns, and budget request drafts. Information includes dates, fund appropriations for each account, account name, expense items, salary amounts, and budget expenditures for accounts.

### **Legislative records, 1939-1943**

2 cubic feet

Arrangement: chronological by legislative session; numerical by bill number

Series documents the establishment of laws by the Oregon Legislative Assembly for the benefit of Governor Sprague's office.

Records include copies of legislative appropriation bills relating to the Governor's office, correspondence with Legislative Assembly members, opinions of the Executive Department concerning specific bills, and reports to the Governor from various interim committees.

Subjects of reports include industrial accident compensation, motor transportation, and merit system for state employees. Opinions concern such subjects as meat inspection, rodent and predatory animal eradication, gas taxes, onion marketing, and standards for prunes.

### **Speeches, 1938-1944**

.4 cubic foot

Arrangement: chronological by speech date

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Series documents speeches made by the Governor to various groups, including the republican Voters of Oregon and the general public.

Topics of speeches include old age assistance economic health in agriculture and commerce, jobs, prices for farm products, and racial and religious toleration.

### **Proclamations, 1939-1942**

.1 cubic foot

Arrangement: chronological by proclamation date

Series documents announcements made by the Governor on various activities or events. Contents include subject of proclamation, date, and signature of governor.

Subjects include establishment of a State Guard, the creation of State and County Defense Councils to direct civilian participation in defense of the state during World War II, and closure of forests due to extreme fire danger.

### **Press releases, 1939-1943**

.1 cubic foot

Arrangement: chronological by release date

Series documents gubernatorial press releases publicizing events, programs, and activities related to the Governor's office.

Information includes dates, subjects, and quotations from the Governor. Topics include unemployment, appointment of individuals to public jobs, celebration of holidays, and recognition of specific events.

### **Special agents' commissions, 1939-1943**

.8 cubic foot

Arrangement: alphabetical by applicant name

Series documents authorization by the Governor of Oregon for individuals to act as special officers when the criminal laws of the state are not being executed. Series includes correspondence and reports concerning potential recipients of special officer status.

Information contents include date and time of report, names and addresses, county name, police reports, and badge number. Subjects include the extent of liability of the Governor, police reports on individuals, and confirmation or denial of requests for special officer badges.

### **Administrative Correspondence Container List**

Container 1

Accounting, Board of

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Achievements of Governor Sprague's administration

Agriculture, Department of

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Airports

Aliens, enemy

Albany College (Albany, Oregon)

American Legion

American Red Cross

Baker County

Bakery Board

Banks, Superintendent of State

Barber Examiners, Board of

Battleship Oregon

Bay Ocean Project

Biography - Governor Sprague

Blind, Commission for the

Blind Trade School

Bond Commission, State

Boxing Commission

Briquettes

Building Congress, Oregon

Campaign of Governor Sprague for governor and senator

Capitol Reconstruction Commission

Champoeg

Child welfare

Chiropodists, Board of Examiners

Chiropractor

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Citizens Military Training Camp

Civil Aeronautics Board

Civil Air Patrol

Civilian Conservation Corps

Civilian Defense

Container 2

Civilian Defense (cont.)

Commerce, United States Department of

Communist Party, Oregon

Conservation of human and natural resources

Control, Board of

Corporation, Department of

Council of State Governments

Cricket, Mormon, outbreak of; (insect infestation)

Curry County

Daylight saving time

Deaf School

Defense Council, Oregon State

Defense Schools, Oregon (projected)

Deficiencies of government

Dental Board, State

Deschutes County

Ditch riders

Doernbecher strike

Draft boards

Drunk driving

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Eastern Oregon State Hospital

Economic Council, Oregon

Education

Electrical service

Emergency Appropriation Board

Employment

Employment Service, Oregon State

Container 3

Employment Service, Oregon State (cont.)

Employment Service, Oregon State, Advisory Council

Evacuation, civilians

Fair Commission, San Francisco and New York (see also SF World's Fair)

Fairview Home

Federal Communications Commission

Federal-State Conference on Law Enforcement Problems of National Defense

Fellowship for Education on Alcohol and Narcotics, Oregon

Finland

Fireworks, prohibition during World War II

Fisheries

Fish and Game Commission

Flax

Forest fires

Forestry, Department of

Freeway legislation

Fruit surplus

Fuel Committee

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Gambling

Game Commission

Container 4

Game Commission (cont.)

Gas rationing

Geographic Board, Oregon

Geology and mineral industries

Gilliam County

Governors, correspondence with other

Harney County

Higher Education, Oregon State System of

Highways

Hood River County

Hydroelectric Commission

Industrial Accident Commission, State

Insurance Commission

Interstate rivers

Japanese, relationship during World War II

Container 5

Japanese, relationship during World War II (cont.)

Judges and judicial appointments

Klamath County

Labor

Labor Conciliation, State Board of

Labor relations (Henry Hess, Governor Sprague's opponent)

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Labor unions

Land Board, State

Land use

Land values

Law and order

League of Women Voters, Oregon

Legislative Assembly

Library, State

Liquor

Liquor Commission

Lime plants

Lumber operators

Marketing

Medical Examiners, Board of

Merchants

Meyer, Fred

Military

Military service

Milk control laws

Mining

Monmouth College (Monmouth, Illinois)

Morrow County

Morse, Wayne

Container 6

National Defense material

National Labor Relations Board



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National Reclamation Association

Naturopathic Board of Examiners

Navy, United States

Notary public

Nurses, Board for Examination and Registration of Graduate

Optometry, State Board of

Oregon and California lands

Oregon Day Service - Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Oregon State College (Corvallis, Oregon)

Oregon Trail

Osborne Association

Parole

Patronage

Pendleton Air Base (during World War II)

Penitentiary, Oregon State

Pension laws

Peoples' Utility Districts

Pharmacy, Board of

Physically handicapped

Picketing law

Pilotage (Columbia River; see also steamship)

Pilot Commissioners, Oregon State Board of

Planning Board

Polygamy

Port of Cascade Locks, appointment to

Port of Portland, appointments to

Profit sharing

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Prostitution (see vice)

Provisional Government Park Board

Public Employes Retirement System

Public Employes Retirement System Board

Public housing

Public Utility Commission

Public utility districts

Racing Commission, Oregon

Radio stations

Railroad Police Commissioners

Rationing Board

Real estate

Reapportionment

Reclamation Commission, State

Reclamation Congress, Oregon

Relief

Republican Club, Oregon

Resignations

Roadside Council, Oregon

Rogue River Coordination Board

Rural Rehabilitation Report

San Francisco World's Fair (see also Fair Commission)

Sanitary Authority, State

Selective Service

Sherman County

Silver

Soil Conservation Commission

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Speed limit

Sprague material (personal)

State Bar

State Defense

Container 7

State Guard

Statesman, Oregon (newspaper)

Steamship (see also pilotage)

Stream pollution

Sugar

Tax Commission

Taxes

Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

Trade barriers

Traffic safety

Teachers

Transportation, Office of Defense

Treasurer, State

Trucking

Tuberculosis

Umatilla County

Unemployment

Unemployment Compensation Commission, State

Union County

Unions

United Service Organizations for National Defense

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Vernonia mill strike

Vessels (wooden)

Veterinary Examiners, State Board of

Vice

Vocational Education, State Board for

Wage and Hour Commission, State

Wallowa County

War Manpower Commission

War Production Board

Water rights

Welfare Commission, County

Welfare Commission, State

Wildlife conservation

Willamette University (Salem, Oregon)

Women's assistance

World War Veterans' State Aid Commission

Youth material