

Numerous Changes In Official Family Of Oregon During The Year of 1931

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SALLEM, Ore. (AP)—The arrival of new faces and the passing of familiar ones on the official family as the new administration operated during the past year has been extensive but perhaps no more so than is usual every four years in Salem. The seat of state government is becoming accustomed to these periodic changes in its citizenry, with each change there comes a certain amount of business among those who are still on the payroll. This, again, is customary in political assignments.

With the ascendancy of Julius L. Meier to the governorship, came also the new appointees to various departments. These appointments did not come at once and it was several months before any noticeable changes became effective. They have been gradual and have continued throughout the entire year.

Meier took office on Jan. 12, succeeding Governor A. W. Norblad who served a few weeks over one year. Norblad became governor upon the death of I. L. Patterson in December, 1929. Upon the arrival of Meier the atmosphere in the executive offices was completely changed to one of more dignity and formality, but nevertheless with a welcoming attitude toward all visitors. The office became one of a business man rather than of a politician and the difference was sensed at once.

The new governor declared upon taking up the reins of government, that he was not a politician, but it was not long before it was realized that if he had no knowledge of politics, his shrewdness as a business man served in good stead, or that he had some keen political advisors. His activities, whether intentional or not, brought public acclaim and support of the administration over the state appeared to increase.

When Meier came to Salem at the beginning of the legislative session, he brought with him his campaign manager, Henry Hansen, to act as his political advisor. Hansen occupied a desk in the executive offices during the legislature. After the session the governor made room for him by accepting the resignation of Sam Koser, state budget director, and placing Hansen in that office, which adjoins the executive's. Since then Hansen has had the dual role of budget director and advisor to the governor.

Fate Intervenes
The state board of control, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, all elective, was virtually controlled by Eli E. Hoss, secretary of state, and Thomas B. Kay, treasurer, when Meier took office, and the governor found he was in the minority in most instances which he attempted to further. But fate intervened the last week in April and death removed Kay, leaving a vacancy to be filled by appointment by the governor.

Rufus C. Holman, active in the campaign to nominate George W. Joseph for governor, came into the picture at this point and was named treasurer. From then on Meier and Holman assumed control of the state board, leaving Hoss in the minority role. Changes made by the control board dated from this time and they were numerous.

William Einzig, brought from Washington state by Meier to conduct an investigation into various institutions of the state, was retained as secretary of the board and as state purchasing agent, replacing Carlo Abrams. His salary was increased to \$7000 a year. He has effected considerable savings in his department.

Departmental heads changed by the new board and by other boards of which the governor is chairman, included executives of the state prison, blind school, boys' training school, bonus commission and printing department.

James Lewis, rated as one of the best prison administrators in the west, deputy warden here for several years, was advanced to warden and superintendent upon the resignation of Superintendent Henry W. Meyers, who resigned following a penitentiary hearing at which the governor was bitter in his criticism.

Other changes at the prison included dismissal of Col. W. B. Bartram as head of the flax industry, and appointment of Dan Kellaher, former state senator from Multnomah, as parole officer.

Walter Dry, of Vancouver, was named to succeed Superintendent of Howard and Mrs. Roberts, sister of Kay, as heads of the blind school at Salem and the blind employment institution in Portland, respectively. E. C. Hobbs of the college printing shop at Corvallis, was appointed state printer at succeed H. S. Bossard.

Among the recent changes was the removal of W. H. Balle as superintendent of the training schools after several months of controversy over alleged mistreatment accorded boys sent to the reform school. Gaud Laughlin, removed earlier from the state accident commission, was named to succeed him.

Jerold Owen, Portland newspaper man who aided in the Meier campaign, was appointed secretary of the World war veterans' state and commission, succeeding Frank Moore.

New Highway Commission
An entirely new highway commission has been created since Governor Meier assumed office. The first appointment was that of Charles K. Spaulding of Salem to succeed C. E. Gates of Medford, resigned. William Hanley of Burns was appointed to succeed M. H. Lynch of Redmond, while J. C. Ainsworth, Portland banker, succeeded to the chairmanship when H. B. Van Duser, chairman for many years, recently resigned. The governor announced changes in many minor boards and commissions.

The first act of the governor even before he assumed office, was to retain Miss Beatrice Walton as his private secretary. Miss Walton had served in that capacity to Walter Pierce, I. L. Patterson and Norblad. Before becoming secretary to the governor, Miss Walton was a secretary in the office of the state superintendent of schools.

The state legislature provided means for the appointment of Charles M. Thomas, of Medford, as public utilities commissioner, succeeding the three former members of the public service commission, H. B. Corey, Hal D. Patten and O. C. Beerman. The legislature abolished the three-man commission and established a single commissioner. Thomas was formerly circuit judge in Jackson county.

State Police Created
The legislature, through the activity of Governor Meier, likewise created the state department of police and the new agency, Meier selected To honor the former, federal police agent, to head the organization. Max Gehlbauer, a "dirt farmer," of Polk county, was appointed head of the department of agriculture.

Other changes made by the governor included wiping out the entire industrial accident commission consisting of Sam L. Lamm, E. E. Braigg and W. H. Fitzgerald. In their places were named Charles T. Early of Portland, Arthur W. Lawrence, and Albert Hunter, Lawrence, of Corvallis, and Hunter, of La Grande, are former state legislators.

James W. Mott, member of the legislature and active in a campaign during 1931 to reduce real property taxes, was appointed Mark McCallister, succeeding Mark McCallister. Mott has instituted several investigations of corporations, and has taken over several large organizations. A. H. Averill was appointed insurance commissioner to succeed Clara E. Lee.

Some Departments Escape
There are several departments and state institutions in which there were no major changes in 1931, either by appointment, election or by filling of vacancies caused by death or retirement. There have been no changes in the Oregon supreme court, members of which are elective; in attorney general's office, secretary of state, department of education and state labor department, also elective offices.

Other departments which remained intact during the year include the Oregon national guard, state engineer's office, state library, tax commission, state land board, state banking department and state forestry department. Although there has been one appointment on the state board of higher education, no department changes have resulted.

Institutions in which no changes have been made include the state hospital, the insane, state tuberculosis hospital, soldiers' home, feeble-minded institution, deaf school and Eastern Oregon state hospital.

The final month of 1931 saw a new and yet familiar face in the executive office during the absence of Governor Meier from Oregon. Willard Marks, president of the senate, came from Albany to preside as governor.

Beware, Bachelors-- 'Tis Leap Year!

Women Can Now Assert Marriage Rights, But Men Who Reject Them Need Not Pay As They Did Under Old Law That Originated Custom

By NEA Service
New Year's men—1932 is the open season on bachelors!
For leap year is with us again, and no longer need maiden ladies sit in slayer anxiety while bashful males stammer, fidget, fess and then decide to delay popping the matrimonial question.

But the bachelors of 1932 are far better off than were those unlucky men who lived in Scotland in the 13th century, when leap year was originated by law.

The Scottish parliament decreed that the man sufficiently gallant to refuse a maiden's proposal of wedlock must pay her 100 pounds, unless he could prove that he was betrothed to another.

From that time on women have been given special matrimonial privileges every four years until today leap year is recognized in many countries.

As that, women never seem to have taken very seriously their romantic rights, a survey of leap year marriage statistics in the United States reveals.

Since 1900 the number of marriages have averaged approximately 1,000,000 annually, both in and out of leap year. In fact, in the last two leap years—1924 and 1928—marriages dropped sharply and then bounded up again.

But bachelors really needn't worry. Two can live almost as cheap in 1932 as in 1931. Years ago! Rents are cheaper. Clothes are cheaper. Furniture is cheaper.

With the advent of leap year, the spotlight of romance will again center on H. H. Prince of Wales, No. 1 bachelor of the world, probably the most eligible and most sought after young man of the present day.

And he's a pretty good catch, when you consider that he is handsome, a fine sportsman, has one of the largest wardrobes in the world, is only 37, may some day inherit the British throne and has an income that will keep a whole pack of wolves away from the door.

While discussing leap year, one shouldn't forget those persons who were born on Feb. 29 and who get a birthday only once in four years. Leap year birthdays have saddened the hearts of many children, but have brought joy to other, older folk. Rossini, the great composer, was born on Feb. 29, 1792, called "leap year" his friends on Feb. 29, 1864, to celebrate what he chose to call his 18th birthday, declaring that he was



four months was \$41,418. In its campaign against the "gasoline cowboy" crimes the department has endeavored in more than one thousand livestock investigations, resulting in many arrests and convictions.

The department also has for one of its major objectives, Superintendent Pray said, the campaign against drunken driving. Ninety-one arrests have been made by state police during the period. His report shows that in Oregon as a result of 8700 traffic accidents. Nearly 2000 persons were injured, many seriously.

Every case of major importance in the past four months has been partially or entirely cleared up by the department. Pray has had 25 years experience as a law enforcement officer. He has emphasized that he not only demands a fair and impartial enforcement of the law but insists that his men be always courteous.

George Alexander, formerly in charge of prohibition enforcement in Oregon, was appointed by Pray to be deputy superintendent in charge of the division of records. The department has one of the most modern systems of filing records and more than 35,000 finger prints are on record. This department is for use by all officers of the state and is becoming a clearing house for all police information in Oregon.

Captain Wayne M. Gurdane is in charge of the Portland district; Captain H. L. McClain is in charge of the headquarters district at Salem; Captain Leo M. Bown has charge at Medford, and Captain H. Lee Noe is stationed at Baker.

State Police Is Well Established In Five Months

SALLEM, Ore. (AP)—Five months of operation has established the Oregon state police department on a systematic basis, and reports of the first four months of its existence have reflected the extensiveness of its activities. With Charles P. Pray as its head, the department now lists 143 on its personnel, with employees stationed in four districts over the state.

The state police was organized Aug. 1, 1931, as the result of a legislative act consolidating all law enforcing units under one head. Headquarters are located at Salem, with district offices at Portland, Medford and Baker. A new style uniform, recently adopted, will arrive by Feb. 1, after which all officers and patrolmen will be attired in blue uniforms with grey trimming. The uniforms of the traffic department, prior to the creation of the state police, have been used up to the present time.

During the four-month period the state police have made 2654 arrests in which only 140 acquittals were obtained by defendants. Of this number of cases there are still pending 791 cases, while only 110 are held for other departments. To do this, and in patrolling the state, members of the force have traveled more than one million miles over Oregon highways and have engaged in about 60,000 activities. Warnings against further law violation by minor offenders were issued to 40,000 persons.

Fines, the reports reveal, have totaled \$98,181, and fees collected amounted to \$12,729. Sentences to the state prison have aggregated more than 215 years. The value of stolen automobiles recovered during the

about to turn over a new leaf and discard the frivolities of his teens. Everyone who rents his home by the month or year will get one day free rent in 1932, but employees who work by the month or year will donate one day's labor.

Uncle Sam saves millions in interest on the public debt on Feb. 29, theoretically, and federal employees give him an extra day's work.

Julius and Augustus Caesar were responsible for adding Feb. 29 to every fourth year, but it was the

NORMAL SCHOOL CAGERS TO PLAY

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Feb. 16—Columbia U. here.
Feb. 19—Whitman college here.
Feb. 22—At Albany college.
Feb. 23-24—At Monmouth (conference games).

Feb. 25—At Columbia university.

There is also a possibility that Quinn may schedule a game or two to fill up the week of the Western Oregon trip, as the Feb. 25 game with Columbia falls on Thursday.

Fifteen cagers were out for practice last night, and more are expected to report during the next week. Quinn expects to have his outfit in smooth running order by the middle of this month, and in mid-season form by the first of February, when the conference championship series get under way. Among the men reporting are:

Scottish law that really started leap year. The original decree, in 1288, stated "that during ye reign of Margaret, 11th maiden ladie, of both high and low estate, shall have liberty to speak ye mon she likes. If he refuse her to his wife, he shall be mulet of ane hundred pounds, or less, as his estate may be, except and alway if he can make it appear that he is betrothed to another woman, then he shall be free."

But whether the ancient law was enforced is not recorded.

City Built on Water

The city of Venice is built on piles on 117 islets and there are about 150 canals, crossed by 400 bridges. The largest and most important waterway is the Grand canal, where small steamers ply. The interior of the city is a tangle of narrow streets, many of them less than five feet wide.

Bredow, Portland; Halverson and Belts, Pendleton, centers; Baxter, La Grande; Metcalf, Tillamook; Hoss, Willows; Dawson, Joseph, forwards; Worthley, Portland; Lowry, Portland, and Carden, Pendleton, guards. Carden, Baxter and Metcalf are all former lettermen.

Never-Ending Chase

Life would be a perpetual flea hunt if a man were obliged to run down all the innuendoes, inaccuracies, insinuations which are uttered against him.—Boecher.

Sinclair Sees Better Outlook; Use of Oil Products Holds Up

By H. F. Sinclair
(Chairman of Board, Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.)
NEW YORK (AP)—With the experience of the past two years in mind, only a reckless person would care to make any prophecies as to the business prospects of 1932.

Every business management must, for its own guidance, have convictions as to what the near future will bring forth. The greatest difficulty is in attempting to tell what will be the effect on our own situation of conditions beyond our control, such as the course of events in other countries.

Times such as these have one advantage, if no other: they compel managements to scrutinize expenditures carefully, make every economy

(that can be made without sacrifice of efficiency, and cut out the underbrush that grows up in every organization.)

As to the oil industry in particular—and all the large organizations are subject to the same conditions to a greater or less extent—it seems to me that the year closes with an improved outlook.

So far as stocks of crude and refined oils are concerned we have a better statistical position than a year ago.

We are fortunate in having a demand for our products that is at least up to the levels of the past. What we need is a proper relation between the prices of crude oil and the refined products, gasoline, lubricants, fuel oil, etc.

Uncomfortable Belief

Some African natives believe that the souls of dead chiefs may visit their relatives in the form of snakes.

Put Treasury First

In ancient Egypt, the title "White House" was bestowed not upon the residence of the ruler but upon the treasury.

The 60 to 0 score by Southern California against Georgia, represented more markers than have been heaped up against all southern teams in the west since 1926.

SUCCESS LIES IN HER HANDS



Maria Paudler had fame at her finger-tips when she applied for work in German films. For her lovely hands attracted the attention of producers who gave her occasional small parts to play. She handled every role handsomely—and now has been handed a job as a star.

CABEZO TRAINS IN SOUTH FOR AGUA CALIENTE EVENT

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—For the second time in two years a race horse trained here is to seek honors in the Agua Caliente handicap, richest turf stake in America.

Last year it was Sam Beau, Willis Sharp, Kimer's great money winner. This year it is Cabezo, owned by W. T. "Fatty" Anderson, who has 29 thoroughbreds here, working out daily.

Cabezo is best known to the "rall birds" as the winner of the Jockey club purse in the charity day meet at Belmont, when he was run under the colors of Mrs. Victor Emanuel.

Besides competing in the handicap feature, Cabezo also will race in the Agua Caliente derby. The three-year-old will be accompanied to the western track by two stable mates, to be selected later.

Woman's Good Qualities

There is this good thing about women—they share your riches just as cheerfully as they do your poverty.—Charles Dudley Warner.

PAIN IN YOUR SHOULDER?

USE TYSMOL FOR RELIEF
Knife-like jabs of pain in the vicinity of the shoulder blade are generally due to neuritis, brought on by exposure to draughts or sudden changes of weather. In some cases there is stiffness or soreness in the muscles, making it difficult to raise the arm.

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—Adv.

UNION PERSONALS

By W. V. Connor
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special)—The Union schools resumed regular work Monday morning, after having been closed down for 11 days as a Christmas vacation. Two more weeks will finish the first semester of the year's work of the local schools.

A. T. Hill and P. D. Coyner drove over from La Grande Sunday morning in order to attend the Withycombe memorial services.

Members of the Knights of Pythias lodge are donating their services in some remodeling work on their hall. They are replacing the plaster on the ceiling of the hall with wall board and patching the surface.

Marvin Blake, who had been temporarily in charge of the electric light substation, returned to his home in La Grande Saturday. Grant Tucker, the local agent of the light and power company, was taking a short vacation.

Miss Josephine Bliss, who had been here with her parents during the Christmas holidays, left Sunday morning by the train for Vale where she will resume her work as a teacher in the grade school of the city.

Saturday evening a number of young folk gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Connor for a social evening. Various kinds of games and a taffy pull were included in the evening's program. Those present were Misses Alice Gamble, Wanda Achley, Gladys Westman, Edna Bailey and Ruth Connor, and Roy Baxter, "Black" Achley, Ellsworth Halsey, Kenneth Wolf, Victor Gamble and Ralph Connor.

In point of attendance the Methodist Sunday school broke a ten-year record, the total for the day being 190, including home classes.

Miss Ruth Connor left Sunday morning for Wallawa county to resume her school work at the Paradise north of Enterprise. She had been home for the holidays.

Misses Dora Crouter, Lois Cline and Areta Baum resumed their work at Monday. These girls are taking up the second term of work. Ralph Connor also registered at the E. O. N. starting his second year's work at the school.

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