

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN

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We are told, that the placing of public employees under the Federal Plan has been prevented by serious legal barriers, that the probability of the "States Rights" obstacle being overcome is very small and that legislation will be long delayed permitting the Federal Government to tax State and Municipal Governments as employers under the operation of the Old Age and Survivors Insurance Act. A proposal to make coverage optional with the States is now being studied in Congress but the matter of "States Rights" does not appear to have been disposed of by the plan.

All public employees and all public officials would no doubt welcome the protection which the Federal Plan affords should a solution of the problems involved be discovered. Employees and officials should distinguish however between the purposes and benefits of the Federal Plan and the State Retirement Plan. The benefits of the State Retirement Plan are of great value in conjunction with the Federal Plan, but are even more valuable in the absence of the federal coverage. The State of Oregon should adopt the Statewide Retirement Plan for the benefits which it alone can achieve. The extension of Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance to public employees will achieve other desirable results. When the Federal Plan is finally made available the two plans can be coordinated to achieve the most desirable combination of benefits.

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The Board of Directors met in Portland Sunday, October 29th, at 12 noon for a luncheon meeting. Those present were A. J. Ford, W. W. Stiffler, I. A. DeFrance, E. F. Chidsey, E. H. Clymer, Ivan Dakin, LeRoy Boldt, W. P. Laws and Forrest Stewart, Executive Secretary. Tom Edwards and Forrest Cooper were absent. F. Leo Smith, Attorney, was a guest. After lunch the meeting was continued in the law offices of Leo Smith, 615 Pacific Bldg. The petition of Oregon Chapter No. 22, composed of employees of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission in Salem, was considered and granted. After considerable discussion, an agreement was completed for the employment of Leo Smith as Legal Counsel for the Association on a retainer basis for a period of 2 years. The next general Council Meeting was scheduled for December 2 and 3 in Salem. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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