

## Local News Briefs

**Thomas Keeps Silent**—Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, yesterday refused to make any statement relative to yesterday's action of the Portland city council, in authorizing publication of the new franchise for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, other than to declare that investigation of the company's rates, charges and practices, was on the utility commission's docket. Thomas indicated that the investigation had been delayed pending action of the council.

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**Seek Supervision**—Many requests have been received at the state forestry department here recently to have inspections made of cutover lands to determine areas where proper slash disposal methods have been carried out and responsibility for fire patrol and suppression will be accepted by the state or the fire protection associations. The law provides that where a hazard exists it is the state forester's duty to inspect the area and determine just what measures are necessary in order that the hazard be reduced.

**Can Use 25 Logbearer Pickers.** Ed Tuck, Liberty Road, 3 mi. from town.

**Hold Usual Clinics**—Although two of the nurses are away on leave, the usual clinics will be held by the county health department this week. Three nurses will remain on duty. Tomorrow afternoon there will be a health handlers clinic at the health center, on Thursday morning a tonsil clinic at Salem General hospital, the usual preschool and toxoid clinics at the health center and clinics at Hubbard and Silverton during the week. Miss Nora Lyndes will go on leave today.

**Statesman subscribers** have been paid \$3378.03 in claims on their \$1 Accident Insurance Policies.

**Tax Case Postponed**—The case of Green vs. Fisher, involving the constitutionality of the state income tax, will be postponed from Monday when it was scheduled to come up before Judge L. G. Lewelling here. Reason for postponement is the fact that Assistant Attorney General Moore has been required to submit to an operation at a local hospital.

**Here is a good buy in a used coach.** One of those models always in demand and very seldom offered for sale. 1928 Chevrolet coach in good condition with fully equipped trailer for camping. See it today at Marion Garage, 235 S. Commercial.

**Miles Case Appealed**—Notice of appeal was filed in circuit court yesterday by Ladd & Bush Trust company as guardian for B. J. Miles, father of the late Donald J. Miles. Appeal is being taken from the decision of Judge John Stigmund in county court. The judge denied a claim of \$19,243 made by the trust company on a note given by young Miles to his father.

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**Hug Leaves, South**—Headed for the school executives' conference at University of California, Berkeley, George W. Hug, Salem school superintendent, left here by train yesterday. He will be gone about two weeks. Hug expects also to attend the Olympic trials which will be held at Stanford university, Palo Alto, Calif.

**Dr. Utter, dentist,** has returned to his office after attending the Pacific Coast dental conference in Seattle.

**Band Transacts Business**—A business meeting will be held at the practice of the American Legion Junior band at Yew Park hall at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. Band members will meet with representatives of Capital Post No. 9, the sponsoring organization.

**Estate Valued at \$831**—The estate of Frank Stastny, deceased, has an appraised value of \$831 according to a report filed in probate court yesterday. Mike M. Stastny is in charge of the estate. Appraisers were George L. Forge, Hazel D. Phillips and Rose A. Merhull.

**Marsh in City**—Eugene Marsh, member of the firm of Vinton and Marsh, was in the city on legal business yesterday from McMinnville. Walter Toose, former member of the firm, is now practicing law in Portland.



## WHERE TO DINE

**Tourist Cafe, 136 S. Com'l.**—Complete regular dinner, 25c. Senator Food Shop—Turkey dinner, 50c. The Spa—Six and eight-course dinners 75c and \$1. Also 50c. course dinner of unusual merit. Hotel Argo—Better than ever! Complete chicken dinner, 50c.

## Coming Events

July 17—Oklahoma picnic at Silverton park.  
August 7—Ohio "Buckeye" picnic, State fair grounds.  
August 7-21—Annual Chechnokan outing at Spirit Lake.  
August 14—Dakota picnic.

## AUTO MISSES TRAIN BY HAIR

**Broken Steering Gear Cause Of Near-Serious Accident for Williams**

INDEPENDENCE, July 9.—The J. C. Williams automobile is laid up in an Independence garage where it was towed Wednesday night for repairs after it had plunged down a steep embankment and landed against a wire fence within a foot or two of the Oregon Electric track near the George Hoyler farm, East Independence. A broken steering gear caused all the trouble. Williams is a local druggist.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. R. M. Walker were on their way to the Illinois Golf course when Mr. Williams noticed something wrong with the steering apparatus. He was slowing down when the car suddenly swerved toward the embankment. Then Mr. Williams jammed on the brakes and succeeded in stopping the car just as its front wheels were crawling against the wire fence.

To top the excitement for the occupants in the car, an Oregon Electric train went by while the car was hanging very near the track.

**U-Turns Are Taboo**—The city council passed an ordinance against U-turns on Monday, C and B streets at the meeting Wednesday night and the rule will become operative as soon as the proper signs can be put in place.

Other business of interest included the sale of the E. S. Ball lot near the Southern Pacific yards to B. F. Cook of Dallas for a car wrecking plant. \$250 was named as the purchasing price, with one-third payment down, a lease for a building pool and card room was ordered issued to Charles H. Raymond who recently acquired the Cook establishment.

**School on Air**—The Independence training school broadcast a program over KOAC last week. Prof. Elmer Deway of the Oregon Normal at Monmouth compared school room methods of today with those of years ago. Mrs. Harry Keeney, critic teacher, spoke on the subject, "The Appeal of Nature to Children," and Chelona Camp Fire Girls sang several selections. They were accompanied by Miss Mignonne Goddard and directed by Miss Henrietta Wolfer.

An open air 7 o'clock dinner is announced for Thursday by the Presbyterian church. An invitation is extended to the whole congregation, both old and young to bring covered dishes and to join in the happy event. The attendance goal of 100 has been set—the record of the attendance at the annual picnic dinner last year was 82.

Bob and Bill Irvine left Friday for Port Orford to operate sprinklers on the Roy L. Houck construction job. They drove one of the two trucks equipped with sprinklers for use in making macadam roads.

**Bartholomew's Report will be Given Builders**

What architects and builders the world over are thinking about will be told by Lyle P. Bartholomew at the forum meeting of the Oregon chapter, Oregon Building Congress, at the chamber of commerce auditorium at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. Bartholomew attended the recent Rotary International convention at Seattle and there conferred at length with many men interested in the building industry.

All contractors and sub-contractors of the city have been invited to attend the meeting to hear and participate in a discussion of a plan to prevent the shopping of bids.

**Hill Purchases Concrete Block On State Street**

Clyde E. Hill, recently of Klamath Falls, has purchased the two-story concrete building at 1320 State street, known as the State street apartments, from George A. McKay for a consideration of \$18,000. The Leo N. Childs company, realtors who handled the deal, announced yesterday.

The new owner is making extensive improvements. The building consists of four ground floor store rooms and seven second-story apartments.

**Hammock House Ready for Occupants**

CLEAR LAKE, July 9.—The C. E. Jones people held a social at the church Friday night. They served ice cream and cookies. Fred Hammock has almost completed his mother's new house. She will move in shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Pruitt visited near McMinnville Friday at the home of a friend, Mrs. Hatfield.

**GUESTS OF MURPHY'S**

HUBBARD, July 9.—Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Carter and son, Vincent Carter, motored from Albany Friday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Murphy. Mrs. Murphy is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carter.

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## Under the Dome . . .

**Occurrences and Gossip at the center of Oregon's state government**

**BLAIR STEWART**, son of James Stewart of the state land board, arrived here for a visit of several weeks from Cleveland. This is the first time young Stewart has visited his folks for three years. He is gaining considerable reputation in the east as a radio singer, but Jim says he is not a crooner.

The new week looks like one of meetings and conventions. The state organization of county school superintendents will open a three day session Monday at the capitol, over which C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, will preside. Educational topics will be the order of the convention.

Also at the end of this week the 15-day moratorium on automobile licenses will expire. In other words, unless the governor extends the moratorium, all cars on the highways must have new licenses on Saturday. No new statements were issued here during the day, which was good news to newshounds and readers alike.

The Oregon state bar examination will be held here Tuesday and Wednesday, probably in the house of representatives. Up to noon yesterday 97 applicants for admission to the bar had paid their fees and were prepared to take the examination. Last year 108 took the exams with about 60 per cent being passed.

The large number of "repeaters" in the taking of a bar examination surprises some. Of the 97 to take the exams more than the exams for the second or third times. After the second failure, applicants must get permission to take the quiz further.

Leslie J. Smith, chief of the Associated Press bureau in Portland, who has been in Chicago the past month covering the two national political conventions, is here visiting with

his relatives over Sunday. Les returned from the east Friday, and said he was kept busy in Chicago.

New blanks for expense accounts have been issued to all state departments through the supervisor of transportation, Mr. Ridehaigh. The blanks look almost like an income tax return, and they must be made out every day. Among other items the employee must record the name of restaurants where he eats, and provide receipts for phone calls and street car fares, etc.

But the low expense rate and the accompanying detail required in order to have the amount paid, has resulted in fewer trips being taken by state officials. Many have stated they lose money by traveling, so will neglect these matters requiring more than a few hours of traveling.

There will be a lot of "just newspapermen" in Portland the coming weekend, and perhaps no finer bunch of fellows will be found anywhere. The state editorial association annual meet starts there on Thursday, with the luncheon banquet scheduled for Friday night at the Multnomah hotel.

Captains W. E. Vincent and L. D. Farnsworth of the Oregon National Guard and Clinton Vincent will leave here today on a two weeks' pack trip. They expect to hike about 100 miles before they will return and expect to bring some fine fish with them. They are going into the Mt. Jefferson section.

Max Gehlbauer says the state fair problem will be solved and the deficit be more than cleared up by the heavy attendance if he could secure the kind of a publicity man that handled the school merger initiative. It would be more than a cliché if he could get the party who publicized the "theft."

**TAX COLLECTIONS REACH 35 PER CENT**

DALLAS, July 9.—According to a report by Sheriff T. B. Hooker, the tax collections here for 1931 roll at the close of the first six months of 1932 totaled \$146,890.16, or 35 per cent of the total roll of \$420,271.97. The collections for the same period last year on the 1930 roll amounted to 49 per cent.

Delinquent taxes have been paid more rapidly this year than last with \$43,971.20 collected to June 30 as compared with \$35,014.32 last year. This is mainly due to the fact that the delinquency from previous rolls now is heavier than at any former time.

A large number of taxpayers are taking advantage of the plan started by Sheriff Hooker whereby they can pay small amounts at any time and these will be credited on their unpaid balance.

**Forest Fires so Far this Season Set Low Record**

Fewer forest fires have been reported thus far this season than during any corresponding period for several years, Lynn Cronemiller, state forester, said yesterday. Cronemiller declared, however, that the present conditions were hazardous, and that precautions had been taken to patrol the forests in many sections of the state. Both the Kirby peak and the King mountain lookout stations are now in operation.

Unusually favorable conditions have prevailed in the eastern Oregon districts, due to frequent rains and cool weather.

**Obituary**

**Wens**  
Alfred C. Wens passed away July 4 at the age of 53 years. Prayer will be offered by Rev. Hugh B. Fouke, Jr., of the Jason Lee Methodist church Monday, July 11, at 2 p. m. at the chapel of the Clough-Barwick company. Remains will be shipped to Aberdeen, S. D., Monday night where final services and interment will be held.

**Anderson**  
At the residence, 1540 Cheneketa street, Reese E. Anderson, on July 7, aged 59 years. Survived by widow, Jessie; son, Earl J. Anderson of Salem; daughter, Mrs. J. E. Kearns of Duncombe, Ia.; daughters, John W. Anderson of Iowa and J. N. Rupert, H. P. Rupert, C. A. Rupert and F. W. Rupert, all of Salem, and sister, Mrs. Mabel Tate. Funeral services Monday, July 11, at 10 a. m. from the chapel of W. T. Rigdon & Son. Interment Cityview cemetery.

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## POLITICS FAILS TO GET LAYOFF

**Hoss - Meier Fight, School Merger Scramble Will Keep Oregon hot**

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In short, that \$600,000 at least of 1930-1931 appropriations would be out entirely of the forthcoming budget. But with a \$1,500,000 additional deficit in sight for the past biennium and with indirect taxation revenues growing less daily, Hansen's forecasts seem too optimistic. Fortunately the impending budget deficit is a lien caged for the moment and not scheduled to go on the stage until six more months reveals to Oregon taxpayers just how their income and outgo has been affected in the 24 months.

The budget balancing will be the cry as it has been all winter and spring in the United States congress. Electric Rates  
Case Near Climax  
The Northwestern Electric company's rate case will soon be completed before the Oregon public utility division of state government. If Thomas elects to revise the rate base of the company, to charge off or scale down such parent company charges as \$53,000 paid annually to Electric Bond and Share, lower rates may be had for Portland light and power consumers. Such rates would necessitate immediate reduction by Portland General Electric Power company and Central Public Service company's debentures and preferred stock, now listed at only a few cents on the dollar of issued price, would be affected accordingly. Portland's city council has shored along to Thomas via Meier, the vexing problem of telephone rates. If Thomas comes forth now as a rate cutter in power or light he may follow in telephone. The state of Wisconsin recently ordered a telephone rate reduction, those which is said to be one reason why American Telephone and Telegraph stock—the holding company owns the Wisconsin phone interests—has been sliding down on the New York market.

In any year but the present, any two of the controversial measures on the November ballot for public decision, would be enough to afford a good count, the Rogue river closing measure, for example, is highly controversial. However it is an old issue, the public made what it thought was a determination of the issue in 1930, and therefore the problem of the Rogue lacks the lustre of a new fight. State Prohibition Is One of Issues  
State prohibition comes squarely to the fore in Oregon as an issue for the first time in 14 years. Under an initiative measure now on the ballot, laws enforcing the state's constitutional prohibition measure would be repealed. If this measure should pass, either voters do not know how they are casting their ballots or else the state is overwhelmingly wet. To repeal the laws without changing the constitutional amendment would be a constitutional amendment would be a constitutional amendment would be a constitutional amendment.

Many anti-prohibitionists will vote against the proposal on a cart-before-the-horse line of reasoning. Dairy men of the state are going to make a hard push to get voters to accept a 10 cent tax on oleomargarine. The low price for butter prevailing, the need of farmers for more income as recognized by most consumers, may put over a measure which at heart is aimed to use the power of taxation to stamp out one line of competition. Were butter now at high prices the measure would doubtless fail due to consumer refusal to vote a tax on a product which helps many families scale down their budgets.

The governor's three tax measures, one a constitutional enabling act, the other two laws carrying out the constitutional amendment, are too complicating for the average voter's understanding. One measure raises income tax rates to eight per cent and reduces the exemption, the other measure places more state control over the creation of local debts.

Among the boys attending the 10-day summer Y. M. C. A. camp at Oceanside will be 31 Salem boys. They will leave here for the coast on Tuesday morning. Another group of boys from Corvallis, also will go at that time. The advance party, which left here yesterday, consisted of Dwight Adams, Burton Cray, Edward Beach, Bill Ross, Marshall Hartley, Charles Perry, Fred Remington and Stan Satchwell.

Leaders going on Tuesday are Wesley Roeder, Franklin Bashor, Joe Hershberger, James Seaton and R. Boardman, camp director.

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## Empire Evidence Will go Before Douglas Jurors

Evidence on the operations of the Empire Holding corporation in Douglas county will be presented before the grand jury at Roseburg, Guy Cordon, district attorney, announced there yesterday. Persons who have data to present to the grand jury regarding the company's operations have been invited to testify before that body.

Cordon is acting upon a letter recently received from the state corporation department here in which facts about the Empire company are outlined. The corporation's activities are also to be reviewed in Jackson and Multnomah counties.

## WORLD ECONOMIC PARLEY LOOMING

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attended the Lausanne conference to accompany him to London to discuss the impending economic parley enroute. They are traveling with Premier Edouard Herriot of France as far as Paris.

The immediate problem was the extending of an invitation to the United States, which was the subject of several conversations today. The matter was considered most delicate. It was expected that the powers were anxious to convince America of the necessity of participating in the conference.

"Hops can make considerable growth in one warm night, but with the thermometer at 36 and 38 degrees as it has been now, the needed growth is not made," Mr. Bishop says. A few warm nights now would help materially in building the crop.

First picking this year will probably start in the fuggles about August 20, the usual time, he says.

## City will File Reply Brief in Bond-Test Case

City Attorney Trindle will this week file a reply brief to the one recently filed by Judge L. G. Lewelling by counsel for the Oregon-Washington Water Service company, defendant in a bond-test case brought by the city. Attorneys for the water company were not certain yesterday whether they would ask the court's permission to file a reply brief to the one the city will present.

The question before the court is on a demurrer made to the city's complaint by the water company. If the judge turns down the demurrer, the water company plans to make an answer to the city's complaint and bring the case to trial. Pending the outcome of the litigation no final step will be taken towards the acquisition of the water company's plan here.

## Argument Heard Upon Fraud Case

Arguments of attorneys were heard in the state supreme court Saturday in a mandamus proceeding filed by Carl H. Johnston and C. A. DeGrace of Portland, who are seeking to quash indictments returned against them in Multnomah county. Johnston and DeGrace were indicted on charges of devising a scheme to defraud through the sale of stock. They are asking that the indictments be dismissed on the ground that their trials were not held during the term of the circuit court following action by the grand jury.

When friends of Sheriff Jep Blake of Colbert county, Ala., receive a present from him it is an ash tray made from captured copper stills.

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