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EDITORIAL

HOLMAN STAYS PUT

The Macleay Grange in a resolution last week asked for the immediate resignation of Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. The grange holds that Holman should step out so another treasurer can be elected in his place instead of an appointment in case Holman gets the nomination for governor.

In his answer Monday Holman said "I don't see any reason why I should resign". And he is correct. Why should any official running for another office step out of his present job to enter the race for another office? Holman has made Oregon a real state treasurer and if elected will make a better governor. But if he is unsuccessful in his can-

didacy for governor that is no reason why the state should lose his valuable services as treasurer, which would happen if he took the advice of the grange.

ANOTHER MILESTONE

With this issue of The Gold Hill News, the paper begins Number 1 of Volume 37, thus starting another year of service to this community.

Thirty-seven years is a long time for a paper to publish week after week the happenings of the community. During the recent depression many small town papers have been forced to quit and although conditions here are far from the best the Gold Hill News is still flying its colors and hopes to be for a good long time to come.

In this span of years many publishers have operated the paper. We are sorry we do not have a complete file of the paper as an interesting story could be gotten at this opportunity.

It is fitting that the paper should have its birthday on the eve of the Diamond Jubilee. Although only half as old as the state, the News has gone through part of the pioneer stage in its day.

It won't be long until the notorious Dillinger will be reported seen out here in the peaceful west again. The latest report has him hunted in Colorado after several close escapes in Minnesota. Its a wonder he can keep track of himself if he takes time to read the papers. Well, at least the officers are at last chasing a criminal and it looks like its a chase to the finish this time.

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Forest Service Showboats to Visit Schools in State

The forest service lecture trucks, officially known as "showboats", which have been presenting educational forestry programs in the CCC camps during the past year, will be engaged in school educational campaigns during the next five weeks, according to announcement by the regional forester, Portland, Oregon.

The Oregon showboat, which is jointly in charge of W. V. Fuller, of the state forester's office, and N. J. Penick of the forest service, will visit schools in eastern Oregon, in the territory of the Deschutes, Fremont and Malheur national forests. The Washington showboat, in charge of Albert Wiesendanger of the forest service, will spend the period in schools of southern Washington, in the Columbia national forest territory. Both grade and high schools will be covered during the campaign, and a program of popular forestry education will be presented by means of motion pictures and lantern slides. The showboats are completely equipped for the presentation of this type of program.

This is a part of the regular forestry and fire prevention campaign which has been presented every year by the forest service, in cooperation with the state and private forest protection agencies. This work was discontinued last spring to devote these educational resources to instruction in the CCC camps. The CCC campaigns will be resumed as soon as the camps are reorganized for the summer, it is said.

In a statement issued in connection with this educational campaign the forest service points out the extreme importance of public cooperation in forest fire prevention this year. Article ten of the lumber code of the NRA provides for reforestation and sustained yield management of all timber lands, private as well as public. The most important factor in this plan is prevention of forest fires before, during and after logging. In this, the public can play a vital part by helping to prevent forest fires from starting through carelessness, it is said.

22 Deaths and 173 Injuries Caused by Fires in Oregon Last Year

Twenty-two deaths and 173 injuries by fire during the year of 1933 were reported by State Fire Marshal A. H. Averill of Salem, to-

day in an advance summary of the state fire marshal report for 1933.

Insured sound values to the extent of \$83,377,640 were involved in fire with an actual loss of \$2,713,360. This is a reduction in actual losses of 35 per cent as compared with 1932.

The increased efficiency of fire control is clearly shown by the percentage of the actual losses to the sound values involved of 6.38 per cent in 1931, 5.1 per cent in 1932 and a new all-time low record of 3.25 per cent in 1933. Again, an increase in carelessness upon the part of the general public, systematic inspections and fire prevention work in general has resulted in a reduction of 30.8 per cent in the number of fires.

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