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"Life Begins at 40," says a recent writer, but the republicans are becoming more confident that it will begin again at '36.

That all four state measures are likely to be voted down at the special election this month, is the opinion expressed by C. C. Chapman in the Oregon Voter. He adds:

"If this indifferent vote prevails, all measures will be voted down, and the calling of the special election will be marked up as just one more blunder. The inexperienced and incompetent elected in 1934 need only an unanimous 'No' vote on January 31 to climax their ineptitude."

We met a man the other day who said he had always voted for a sales tax in Oregon whenever the question had been submitted to the voters, but that he would not vote for the sales tax at the special election two weeks hence. His reason was that he was disgusted with the attitude of the federal administration which has squandered billions of dollars in its so-called relief program that it is educating millions of American citizens to the theory that a government exists to support its citizens, not the citizens to support the government.

Men who have always worked and supported themselves, now won't take a job for fear it will endanger their standing at relief headquarters. That the government is teaching idleness and laziness was the gist of this man's condemnation of the present administration.

A MENACE AND NOISANCE

"I'm mad. Why is not a 50-foot space in front of the postoffice marked off for the accommodation of those who want to go into the office and all-day parking forbidden there?" remarked a Coquille man in the Sentinel office on Monday.

That might be a good idea for it would relieve the double-parking menace which is growing so acute in Coquille, at least in front of the postoffice.

Auto drivers are altogether too prone to think that they cannot walk a few steps after alighting from their car to reach their destination and it makes no difference to them how many other motorists they inconvenience by leaving their car in the middle of the street, for a minute or ten. Coquille streets are too narrow for any violation of the double-parking ordinance to be overlooked and it would be a blessing to everyone if the practice was stopped, either by the drivers themselves or by the police.

Truck drivers are the worst offenders in this line and First street is frequently blocked to traffic when two huge trucks are stopped, headed in opposite directions, and several feet out from the curb.

TRAFFIC DEATHS FEWER

Oregon was a safer place for motorists during the year just ended, traffic fatality figures having shown an 18 per cent drop from the all-time record set in 1934, according to a report released by E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association.

While in 1934 the toll of traffic climbed to 313 lives, the number of deaths last year was only 257. This, the motor club executive pointed out, was a saving of 56 lives, more than enough "to compensate for the time and money spent in carrying on the work of safety education, engineering and legislation."

Although national figures for the entire year have not yet been compiled, McDaniel said he believed Oregon would maintain its "enviable position among states which have shown outstanding decreases."

"Oregon's reduction in traffic fatalities may be taken as a true index to the driving characteristics of motorists in this state, he said. "The reduction is doubly significant when it is understood that the number of deaths in the United States as a whole climbed to about 36,400, a new all-time high."

"Oregon's headway is encouraging to safety workers," he declared. "We will continue our program this year. And in continuing this leadership we feel that every motorist who operated his automobile more intelligently in

1935 will continue to improve his driving habits. Rightfully, we can expect a 'new all-time low' in Oregon's highway fatalities this year."

McDaniel issued the following five-year record of traffic fatalities in Oregon: 1931, 268 fatalities; 1932, 226; 1933, 246; 1934, 313; 1935, 257; total, 1310 fatalities.



The \$2,500,000 expenditure authorized by the special session will be used in the construction of a single building of approximately the same outside dimensions as the old state house. This was decided at a meeting of the capitol reconstruction commission here this week. Tentative plans call for accommodations for the legislative chambers, the executive department, secretary of state, state treasurer, board of control and a few other state departments in the new building.

Exact location of the new building may require a court interpretation of the capitol construction act. Carl F. Gould, the commission's technical adviser, wants to construct the new capitol on the axis of Summer street which would necessitate encroachment upon Willson park which the city of Salem has offered to turn over to the state for capitol purposes. The legislative act, however, locates the new building on land "now owned by the state" which, in the opinion of some attorneys limits the location strictly to the old site and precludes any encroachment upon the park property which adjoins the capitol site on the west.

Selection of the capitol architect will be made through a nation-wide contest which is expected to attract many of the best architects of the country.

Tourist traffic in Oregon during 1935 was the heaviest since 1929, according to Secretary of State Snell. Records for the year show that 100,303 foreign cars registered in the state during the 12 month period, an increase of more than 8000 over the 1934 record but short of the 1929 all-time high record by approximately 3000 cars. Registration of foreign cars which show a gradual slump following 1929 reached the bottom in 1933 with 82,526 cars, since which time there has been a gradual increase in the number of out-of-state visitors.

The state still owes \$118,534 on the state office building which was financed through a loan from the industrial accident commission which is being paid off at the rate of \$30,000 a year. Rentals paid by self-supporting departments in the building provide funds for amortizing the loan which will be paid off by January 1, 1941.

State police arrested 672 motorists for traffic law violations during December, according to the monthly report of Superintendent Chas. P. Pray. Warning slips were issued to 9361 other motorists detected in minor traffic law violations.

Governor Charles H. Martin entered upon the second year of his administration Tuesday.

In a brief review of his first year in office the governor enumerated as the outstanding accomplishments of his administration to date "an improved morale among our people," and a greater respect for law and order as a result of his stand in the lumber strike of last summer and his attitude toward pardons and paroles. In this connection, the governor pointed out that he had issued only four pardons during the year, all conditional, while only 56 prisoners have been released on paroles out of 227 who were eligible for release.

The state planning board was cited by the governor as one of the state's most valuable functions. This board was created by the 1935 regular session at the request of the governor.

The most important problem before the people of Oregon at this time in the opinion of the governor is the development of the state and its natural resources.

"More business and less politics," is going to be my slogan for the remainder of my administration," he declared.

Recalling the fact that he had gone through the experience of a special session in addition to the regular one, and a disastrous fire which destroyed the capitol building, while the threat of a recall had hung over his head for several months, the governor admitted that his first year in office had been a most strenuous one.

"But I have enjoyed every minute of it," he hastened to add.

A report received by the state tax commission from the federal census bureau shows that Oregon ranks fifth from the top in the percentage of unpaid taxes with Washington in sev-

enth place and Idaho in eighth. The high percentage of tax delinquency in the three Pacific northwest states is accounted for by the tax commissioners as due to inability of timber owners to pay their levies. Only Michigan, North Dakota, Illinois and Florida had a higher percentage of unpaid taxes than did Oregon, according to the report of the census bureau.

Ben Dorris, of Eugene, stopped over in Salem long enough this week to confirm reports to the effect that he is a candidate for republican national committee man from Oregon. Dorris hopes to succeed the veteran, Ralph Williams, vice-chairman of the national committee, who has announced his intention of retiring after 25 years of service on the national republican organization.

A. M. Dalrymple, of Salem, and Howard Latourette, of Portland, aspire to succeed Walter M. Pierce as the democratic national committee man from Oregon. Dalrymple was warden of the state prison under the Pierce administration and Latourette was speaker of the house of representatives at the recent special session of the legislature.

From Portland come reports that C. M. Thomas, former utilities commissioner, is being groomed as a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator against Senator Chas. L. McNary, who will be a candidate to succeed himself. Thomas, so the report goes, will depend largely upon support from the Townsend movement in his efforts to unseat Oregon's senior senator. The grooming of Thomas, it is understood, is being supervised by Henry Hansen, former state budget director.

Seeking the democratic nomination for United States senator will be Willis Mahoney, Klamath Falls mayor, who has also been playing strongly to the Townsend galleries in his search for political support. Mahoney, however, does not appeal strongly to the regulars in the democratic camp who have not yet forgotten his desertion to the republican camp following his defeat in the last gubernatorial primary.

Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, reports the recovery of \$1814 in traffic fines due to the state from justice courts through the activities of a field auditor recently employed to check up on this item.

Between 200,000 and 250,000 men and women employed in 18,000 Oregon industries will come under the provisions of the new unemployment compensation act, it is estimated by T. Morris Dunne of the industrial accident commission, who has been making a careful study of this phase of the social security problem.

Ralph Noah, senior, of Coquille, was placed on the scholarship honor roll following the work of the fall quarter at the Eastern Oregon Normal school. Ralph, a student taking the teacher training work, made a grade point average of 3.6, with a 4.0 being a straight A average. He is active in student affairs, being associate editor of The Beacon, campus student newspaper.

Marine Enlistments Open

Enlistments in the U. S. Marine Corps are again open to a limited number of young men, according to information received by Postmaster M. O. Hawkins from Lieutenant Colonel Randolph Coyle, U. S. Marine Corps recruiting station, 208 U. S. Court House, Portland, Oregon, where further detailed information may be obtained.

Men enlisted from inland areas will be afforded an opportunity to serve with one of the Marine detachments on board battleships and airplane carriers or at one of the many interesting foreign stations, including China, Philippines, Guam and Hawaii.

Applicants to be qualified for enlistment must be unmarried American citizens without dependents; between the ages of 18 and 25 years and of good moral character. Physical standards require a minimum height of sixty-six inches and that the applicant be in sound physical condition. Previous attendance at high school will be considered in determining the applicant's mental qualifications.

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Mrs. Holmstrom Praised in Eastern Oregon Paper

The following item, printed in the Ontario, Ore., Argus, in its issue of Jan. 2, concerns Coquille's poet whose contributions have frequently appeared in and are always welcomed by the Sentinel. Reference is, of course, to Mrs. Frances Holmstrom, whose fame as a poet has become nationwide:

Frances Holmstrom, poet of Coquille, Oregon, was born in Michigan, the daughter of a gifted mother who was an artist, writer and frequent contributor to the Detroit Free Press and "Household." Mrs. Holmstrom's grandfather wrote verse, too, so she comes by her talents naturally.

Mrs. Holmstrom studied art in the Cleveland School of Art for two years, has taught school, been married and has four children. She has lived in Oregon for many years, most of the time "between the mountains and the ocean." She has been writing for about ten years and her poems have been published in many magazines, including Forum, American Mercury, Christian Century, London Poetry Review and American Forests. They are concerned mostly with nature and every day life.

THE NEW YEAR

I have been a climber of mountains, a follower of dim trails
Along the crevasse and down the pass, thru chasms where daylight fails,

Ever trusting my silent guide, on ways he only knew,
Thru flood and hail, thru blizzard and gale to bring me safely thru.

But the old man passed from our camp last night, with the trees his requiem humming,
With the rattle of breath, and the glaze of death, and a storm from the snowfields coming,

And the dark upon us. I was alone, a child in a dreadful wood,
Till—a lifted flap, and a strange young chap in the tent beside me stood—

A splendid youth, who stirred my fire, whose strength was sure and fleet
As he fended the storm, and wound the form of the dead in a winding-sheet.

We sat and talked together when the night's stern tasks were done,
And his converse wise, and the look in his eyes, marked him the old man's son.

So when I fare at break of day on a venture yet untried,
I go at the call of the stranger tall whom a night has made my guide.

4-H Club Leaders to Meet

Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leader, arrived in Coos county on Wednesday of this week. Yesterday and today she visited several 4-H clubs. She will also meet with 4-H club leaders this evening at 8:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Coquille.

Adult Classes

Adult classes under the Emergency Education are being organized in the different towns in Coos county. Individuals or clubs which are interested in this educational program and desire classes should get in touch with the county supervisor, Lee A. Meyer, Marshfield.

High Water Closes Schools

Monday several schools were unable to convene because of high water. It so happens that also on last Monday the same thing occurred. Because of the high water and sickness, this has been a very disturbed year for schools throughout the county and extra effort will have to be made by all concerned in order to keep the children up to standard. Teachers and parents, however, are realizing that after the measles eye troubles frequently occur and even education should be sacrificed in order to prevent injury to children's eyes.

Oregon Voter on C. R. Wade

The Oregon Voter last week had the following item about the Coos-Curry county courts as state senator of the eighth district, becoming successor of late Senator John D. Goss. The appointment came on merit, entirely without the Bandon lawyer's solicitation. He has served parts of three terms as county judge of Coos. Elected first in 1919 on a recall ticket, he then was elected at the ensuing regular election but resigned because of ill health. Subsequently was reappointed by Governor Olcott to serve out the unexpired term. In the capacity of county judge he worked vigorously for con-

struction and improvement of the Coast Highway and other roads in southwestern Oregon. Served as mayor of Bandon in the years 1923 and 1924. At various times held offices of county recorder, councilman, city attorney and school director. Wade was born Nov. 8, 1880, at Pattonsburg, Mo., but arrived with his parents on a Umatilla county stock ranch in 1895. Attended Pendleton schools and Whitman College, receiving BA degree with class of '03. Read law in Pendleton and was admitted to the bar there in 1905. Migrated the following year to Bandon, where he has since resided. Married and has two sons. A high grade public man, exceptionally qualified for valuable service in the legislature.

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CALL FOR BIDS FOR OPERATION OF RIVERTON FERRY

The County Court will receive bids for the operation of the Riverton Ferry in the County Court Room, Court House, Coquille, Oregon, on Wednesday, February 5th, 1935, at 10 o'clock A. M.

All bids must be accompanied by cash deposit equivalent to 5 per cent of the monthly bid. Bids will be intended to cover a period of one year with the option of renewal for a second year. It will be necessary that bidders be licensed operators or able to qualify as such. Schedules can be obtained at the office of the County Judge, Coquille, Oregon. Successful bidders will be required to post an acceptable bond. The Court will reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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