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The increase from 23 to 33 in the number of pictures used daily by the average metropolitan newspaper during the past six years suggests that people from Missouri are not the only ones who have to be shown, says the Christian Science Monitor.

John W. Leonhardt, of La Grande, democratic candidate for state superintendent of public instruction, who was defeated at the general election by Chas. A. Howard, is again seeking the democratic nomination for the same office this year. He is 43 years of age and has been an Oregon resident since 1915, according to the letter he sends to the press.

There is a fellow in Portland, Walter R. Luhnoff is his name, who is circulating the press with attacks on Gov. Martin. No, he does not call him by name, but his references to the inability of a man of 70 to properly act as governor of Oregon can only refer to Chas. H. Martin.

Whoever is paying this bird to get out his stuff should save his money for Gov. Martin has given the most efficient administration of anyone who has sat in the gubernatorial chair in Oregon for the past quarter of a century. And that is from the time when Os West and Ben Olcott were running affairs in Salem.

WHY THE CONSTITUTION?

Something over eight months ago, a German citizen, The Reverend Martin Niemöller, an outstanding anti-Nazi Protestant pastor, was arrested in Berlin because of his outspoken opposition to the dictatorship of Adolph Hitler.

Later he was found guilty of the "crime" of having discussed and criticized government measures from the pulpit. He was sentenced to seven months in prison and a substantial fine. Because he had been in prison for a longer period awaiting trial than that to which he was sentenced, he was set free. But—he was immediately arrested by Secret Police and without trial was sent to a prison concentration camp.

All too often we take our own Constitution and the rights it gives us too lightly.

In contrast to Germany, the Reverend Niemöller under the protection of the American Constitution would in the first place never have been arrested for criticizing the government or its acts; he would not have been held for eight months awaiting trial and then upon his release could not be arrested and sent away to a prison camp without trial. All because such things are forbidden by our Constitution.

Truly, we take too lightly this document which guards our every right as Americans.

Cabell Reappointed

Highway Commissioner

Henry C. Cabell—His reappointment as highway commissioner is gratifying indeed. He is in the line of distinguished citizens who have given so devotedly of their time to serve our state without compensation or expense allowance in designing, constructing and maintaining our highway system. The roll is a roll of honor indeed—Simon Benson, John B. Yeon, Robert A. Booth, J. C. Ainsworth, Henry B. Van Duzer, Leslie Scott and their associates—and Cabell's prestige and service have upheld the tradition. Our state highway administration has been kept out of politics and has retained public confidence because of that fact and the quality of its record. We are grateful to Governor Martin for his original selection of Cabell, for the loyalty with which he has supported the commission's policies and for his having induced his appointee to accept another term. Oregon indeed can be proud of its state highway administration from its beginning under Governor West and Withycombe right on through the perils of Pierce and of legislative raids fomented by spoliemen who would seize its patronage and contracts or divert its revenues.—The Oregon Voter.

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Slowly but surely the political picture as it will present itself to the voters of Oregon in the forthcoming primary campaign is taking shape. Speculations are materializing into realities. Issues are being formed. With less than two weeks remaining in which to file there was a noticeable spurt in formal declarations on the part of aspiring candidates during the past week.

Speculations as to the political intentions of State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman were definitely set at rest with the announcement by Holman that he would seek the republican nomination for United States senator. Holman's announcement is expected to put a crimp in the plans of a number of other ambitious republicans who had been looking with longing eyes at the senate seat and waiting only for the call to service from the multitude before taking the plunge. No man in Oregon is better known throughout the state than Holman who is now serving his second term as state treasurer and member of the Board of Control and no republican is better able to weld together the various factions in that party's badly shattered organization in order to make a strong bid for the fall campaign.

Willis Mahoney, of Klamath Falls, also took the public into his confidence this week with the announcement that he, too, would seek the senatorship. Mahoney, however, is out after the democratic nomination. The announcement sets at rest speculation to the effect that he might aspire to the governorship although those "in the know" have been convinced for several weeks that Mahoney would rather go to Washington than to sit in the seat of the mighty at Salem.

Hall S. Lusk, who was appointed by Governor Martin to fill the vacancy on the supreme bench caused by the death of Justice J. U. Campbell, this week filed his formal declaration as a candidate to succeed himself. Justice Lusk before his appointment to the supreme court, was for a number of years a circuit judge in Multnomah county. On the heels of Lusk's filing came the announcement from a close friend of Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle that he would oppose Lusk for election to the high court. Van Winkle, who is now completing his eighteenth year as attorney general, refuses to comment on his political intentions but it is expected that he will issue a statement within a few days.

Secretary of State Snell may or may not be a good poker player but at least he now knows what a full house looks like. Snell hails from the little city of Arlington on the upper reaches of the Columbia river. Last week the Arlington basketball team was nosed out of a chance to represent its district in the state tournament at Salem by a very narrow margin. Snell felt so badly over the disappointment experienced by the Arlington boys that he took his telephone in hand, called up the old home town and invited the basketballers, or as many of them as cared about it, to come to Salem for the duration of the tournament as his guests. The next day the squad arrived, all nine of them, accompanied by their coach, Vernon Barrett. Snell admits the team made quite a houseful but insists that a good time was had by all, including the cook.

The storm of last week did approximately \$50,000 damage to highways in the coast counties, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Slides and washouts damaged the Roseburg-Coquille highway, the Umpqua highway and the Oregon Coast highway between Coquille and Florence, Baldock said.

Governor Martin does not intend to enter into any debate with Henry Oleen or any other candidate, he has let it be known. Oleen also a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, has challenged the governor to appear on the public platform with him to defend his record as the state's chief executive.

More than \$2,000,000 in federal road funds may be lost to Oregon next year because of inability of the state to provide match money, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

Of the \$238,000,000 in federal road funds set aside for 1939, \$4,842,984 will be available to Oregon. Of this latter amount \$3,188,000 is available only on condition that the state match it with \$2,745,000 of its own money. Because of inability to provide this match money only \$500,000 of this money will be taken up by the state this year. It is hoped that state funds will enable Oregon to take up another \$3,000,000 of the federal aid

next fall.

Included in the federal funds allocated to Oregon, however, will be \$1,254,044 of forest highway money and \$400,000 for forest roads and trails, none of which is dependent upon state match money.

Further legislative action may be required before the state can acquire an office building in Portland. Attorney General Van Winkle in an opinion to the Board of Control has held that none of the rentals collected from departments housed in such a building would be available for operating expense under the present law. In other words if a deal should be made for a building all of the rentals would have to go toward paying off the debt. There would, therefore, be no money available for heat, light, janitor and elevator service. Members of the board are known to be seriously considering the advisability of throwing the office building problem right back into the lap of the lawmakers when they meet again next January.

Lt. Col. Joseph V. Schur, whose death occurred at the Veterans' Hospital in Portland last week, had been a member of the adjutant general's staff in Salem ever since his return from the World War in 1918. "Joe" as he was familiarly known to his thousands of friends in the guard over the state had served in that organization for 27 years, receiving his 25-year medal two years ago. In that time he rose from the ranks to the position of Lieutenant colonel.

A state subsidy of \$10 for each child on the school census rolls is provided for in a proposed constitutional amendment which will be placed before the voters of Oregon next November. A portion of the subsidy would come from interest earnings of the irreducible school fund. The remainder would be a direct appropriation from the general fund. Based upon the 1937 school census and the allocation of irreducible school fund interest for last year the measure would require an annual appropriation of more than \$2,500,000 to be distributed among the various counties for support of grade and high schools. No provi-

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Army Day Proclaimed

Governor Charles H. Martin has issued the following Army Day proclamation:

"Wednesday, April 6, has been proclaimed by the President of the United States Franklin Delano Roosevelt as Army Day to the end that we may observe the entry of the United States into the World War by turning our attention to the value of the army as one of the mainstays of the national defense.

As throughout the nation, observance of the day in Oregon is sponsored by the Military Order of the World War to the end that the importance of preparedness as the best means for preservation of peace may be emphasized. The day is not one to be observed in a warlike manner but to demonstrate anew the fact that we Americans desire peace most of all, but not peace at the expense or sacrifice of the principles we hold to be fundamentally those of our people. I therefore urge the citizens of Oregon to observe Army Day in this spirit and to co-operate by displaying the United States flag at their homes and places of business."

Ho Hum

The other day an invalid friend of mine expressed the wish that she might go out somewhere in the bright sunshine. Her charwoman, overhearing the remark, spoke up: "My husband could take us. He's on relief now and we have a car."—Letter

New Laws Make Little Change in Farm Benefits

While laws passed recently by congress will make some changes in the Agricultural Conservation program in Coos county, they do not affect the general principles of agricultural conservation, according to Willis Boegh, representative of the state agricultural conservation committee, when he met with the Coos county committee and county agent recently.

According to the estimate of the county committee the total benefit payments which will be made to farm operators in the county will be about the same as if the changes were not made. The tendency will be to increase the payments on small farms and decrease them on larger farms. The operator of each farm included in the Agricultural Conservation program will receive notice through the county office, in the near future, which will give the total allowance for his farm and the practices which may be carried out to earn this allowance, according to W. E. Cross, chairman of the county committee.

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Communism Old Stuff

(Here's what they thought of it the year the Pilgrims landed). What is a Communist? One who has yearnings For equal division of unequal earnings; Idler or bungler, or both, he is willing To fork out his copper and pocket your shilling.

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