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## COUNTY MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE

### Home Lawmakers Have Important Work Before Them At Session.

(Oregon Voter Reporting Service)  
State House, Salem, Or.—Joseph N. Scott, of Pendleton, who is representing Umatilla and Morrow counties at the legislative session now in progress at Salem, is a member of the mining, agriculture, and health and public morals committees, having received his appointment the first day of the session. Representative Scott has his family with him in Salem, and they are living at the Ambassador apartments. His daughter will act as his secretary during the session.

John S. Norvell, of Helix, representing Umatilla county at the state legislative session now in progress at Salem, has been appointed vice-chairman of the Taxation and Revenue Committee, and a member of the Ways and Means and the Game committees.

Senator Fred Kiddle was official host in the senate to Burt Brown Barker, vice-president of the University of Oregon, on Wednesday, January 16. Senator Kiddle asked that the courtesy of the senate be extended to Mr. Barker, and the request was officially granted by President A. W. Norblad. The expression "courtesy of the senate," is used when a senator desires a guest to sit at his desk, within the official railing which divides the desks of the members of the senate from the seats provided for visitors.

James H. E. Scott, attorney and mayor of Milton, who is at the Oregon legislature for the first time, representing Umatilla county, is staying at the Bligh hotel while in Salem. Mrs. Clara B. Ferguson, of Salem, has been engaged as his secretary. Mr. Scott is on the counties and cities, public institutions, railway and transportation and repeal of laws committees.

Senator L. L. Mann, of Pendleton, representing Umatilla County, will make several trips of inspection of state institutions within the next two weeks, as a member of four sub-committees of the Ways and Means Committee of the state legislature. Senator Mann is chairman of the committee to inspect the Blind School and the Deaf School, both located at Salem. He is also a member of the committee which visited Southern Oregon institutions the past weekend including the State Normal at Ashland, the Soldiers Home and the Trial Farm, both at Roseburg. He is a member of the committee to inspect the State Penitentiary at Salem, and of the one to visit the Patton Home, the Louise Home, the Home of the Good Shepherd, the Salvation Army Rescue Home, and the Florence Crittendon Home, all located at Portland. No more will weeds cover the rural cemetery. Tombstone obituaries, now blotted out by matted coverings of creeping vines, will be brought to light. All will be neat, orderly and well kept, if the bill introduced in the House of Representatives by J. S. Norvell, of Umatilla county, becomes a law. The proposed bill provides a method for the upkeep of rural cemeteries. Districts will be, for this purpose, comprised of not less than one school district nor more than three districts will be formed upon petition of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits of the district proposed. Towns of less than 400 population will not be allowed to come within the provisions of this act. Funds for the purpose are to be raised by a property tax not to exceed two and one-half mills, and are to be expended by the county court, the bill states.

**Will Appeal Suit**  
Watts & Prestbye, J. H. Raley and Will M. Peterson, attorneys who are counsel for Henry J. Taylor, Marion Jack and C. A. Johnson who brought suit against the city of Pendleton to enjoin it from operating under the terms of the charter amendment providing for the John Vert Memorial and its maintenance, have appealed the suit to the state supreme court, after the case was decided against the plaintiffs in the circuit court.

**Women Awarded Damages**  
Juries in the circuit court at Pendleton have awarded \$7500 damages each to Mrs. Wilma McCutchan and Mrs. Dora Hickey from E. V. Moon and A. B. Dufur, proprietors and operators of the Oregon Trail Freighting company, in the loss of their husbands who were killed near Reith, when their car was struck by a trailer on one of the company's truck outfits, last Fall.

## Snow Fall Welcomed By the Umatilla County Farmers and Stockmen

A 12-inch snow covers the fields of the Athena wheat belt, and farmers are jubilant thereat. The snowfall is welcomed by farmer and stockmen alike, for the white blanket covering the growing grain, also means moisture for the soil and assurance of good summer range for stock grazing.

Thermometers dipped down to below the zero mark Friday night for the first time this winter, instruments recording various degrees from one to five below, in Athena. Tuesday night the mercury read 8 to 12 below here, and water pipes in several homes froze up.

Portland frisked around in three inches of snow during the fore part of the week. The snowfall in Umatilla county was reported as being general.

The coldest weather in Oregon was reported in the eastern part of the state. Meacham recorded a temperature of 36 degrees below zero, while LaGrande froze under a 10-degree-below temperature. Enterprize and the surrounding territory reported the mercury about 25 below.

Possibilities of the Columbia river freezing over were seen at The Dalles where a temperature of 7 above was reported. The river already is frozen at Crates point. Snow fell at Medford.

Some change in highway conditions was reported, with all of them still open for driving. Travel was kept going over the worst stretches of the Siskiyou by highway officials. Motorists were advised to equip their machines with chains as a precaution against skidding.

## Rigid Enforcement of Dog Tax Law Planned

Rigid enforcement of the state dog tax law has been ordered by the county court and after March 1, a special force of collectors will be put into the field and a thorough canvass of the dogs of the county will be made, announces County Clerk Brown to the county papers. All those "rounded up" by these collectors will have to pay the double tax, and will be liable to prosecution under the misdemeanor section of the law.

According to Clerk Brown, the law provides for payment by the owner of an annual tax of \$1 on every male or sterilized female dog and \$2 on every female. March 1 has been designated by the law as the last date on which the license may be paid without penalty, and after that date a penalty equal to the amount of the license will be added.

The law makes it the duty of the assessor and his deputies to report to the sheriff the names of owners of unlicensed dogs, and the number and sex of the dogs owned. The law provides further, that failure to pay the license by a dog owner shall constitute a misdemeanor, and further penalty of a fine of \$10, and the costs, on conviction.

Two thousand dog tags for 1929 were received by the county clerk and he will begin to issue them immediately.

**Athena-Weston Agmes**  
Athena-Weston high school and grade basketball teams will play their first games of the season tonight on the local court, the grade teams being in the curtainraiser at 7:30. The game between the high school teams will immediately follow the grade game. The admission price to the double header will be 35 cents. Athena has been idle since defeating Helix by the close score of 26 to 25. Difficulties came about which prevented the local team making a scheduled trip in Eastern Washington last week, where three games was to have been played. However, the players have been in active practice and are in good playing condition.

**Feed the Pheasants**  
Now that the ground is covered with snow sufficient to make food scarce for game birds, to insure their surviving the winter it will be necessary to place feed where the pheasants and partridges can get to it. Arrangements will doubtless be made by gun clubs to feed the birds in parts of the county, but the principal help to the birds must come from individuals who have personal interest in seeing that they survive. Small quantities of grain or wheat hay placed in secluded places used by the birds, will tide them over until they can rustle for themselves.

**Railroad Man Murdered**  
Ferdinand Merz, of Pasco, railroad employe, was murdered on a Santa Fe train and his body thrown from the car near Anaheim, California, Sunday. Merz was known at Pendleton, where previous to going south, he withdrew \$5000 in cash from a bank.

## GIRLS' ACTIVITIES SPONSORED AT UNIVERSITY



MISS  
DIANA DEININGER

Phi Theta Upsilon, junior-senior women's service honorary organization, is doing much to promote social affairs and study activities for University of Oregon girls not affiliated with living organizations. Literature and poetry study groups have been organized, and many teas given. Diana Deininger, Portland, above, is president of the group.

## Steelhead Chief Topic Faced By Legislators

Steelheads swam into the legislature says John W. Kelly in the Morning Oregonian, and the biennial wrangling over fish legislation started. One of the most important developments was a promise made to Governor Patterson that illegal fishing would be stopped in the Clackamas and Willamette rivers, now closed commercially, if these streams were opened from November 15 to April 1. This promise was made by a delegation of fishermen from Oregon City.

Steelheads promise to be the bone of contention, as usual, between the sportsmen and the commercial fishermen.

The steelhead is a game fish, legislatively, in the Rogue, Nestucca, Willamette, Clackamas, Necanicum and Wahana. Only with hook and line can this variety of fish be taken in these streams. The sportsmen want included the waters of New river, Pistol river, Sixes, Chetco and a couple of other small streams in Coos and Curry counties.

Arrayed against the sportsmen are the commercial fishermen, who want to reopen the Willamette, Clackamas and Nestucca rivers, the latter closed by vote of the people. Also the fishermen want to change the open season in several commercial streams, including the home of the royal chinook salmon, the Columbia river.

Representative Lockwood has favored a measure declaring the steelhead a game fish in all waters. No bill to this effect yet has been offered, but it would be unsatisfactory on the Umpqua to commercial fishermen, who now catch steelheads in the lower reaches around Reedsport and Gardiner.

## Mules and Horses Poisoned

Three valuable mules and a horse died at the Homer Watts farm north of Athena Sunday as the result of eating poisoned grain, which had been left over from poisoning squirrels last season, and hung up in a shed. It is presumed that the sack containing the poisoned grain either fell or was pulled down by the stock. The loss is keenly felt by Mr. Watts as one of the mules was the most valuable work animal on his ranch. The other two mules and the horse were also good work stock.

**Beavers Netted Big Money**  
The Oregon State College football team netted \$13,500 after all expenses of the trip east were paid, from the New York University game. The Beavers are scheduled to play the Detroit University team at Detroit, this year in the annual intersectional football game.

**Columbia Ice Floating**  
Floating ice from the upper reaches of the Columbia, have caused cessation in operating of ferry boats at Umatilla and Arlington. The ferry boats will probably be held up for some time on account of ice.

## Z. W. Lockwood Passes On After Suffering a Long Period of Illness

Z. W. Lockwood, retired farmer and pioneer miner, died at his residence in Athena, Sunday, after suffering from an illness that has kept him to his home practically for the past five years.

Since the passing of his wife, he has been attended in his illness by his daughter, Miss May Lockwood, and all that was possible has been done to bring the patient back to health. Trips to California and different medical resorts proved of no material benefit, but Mr. Lockwood's surprising vitality kept him alive for many months.

Mr. Lockwood was born near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, August 19th, 1854, and at his death was aged 74 years five months and one day.

When a young man, he was successful in mining operations in Nevada and California. He came to Umatilla county in 1877 and took up a homestead, north of Athena, where he farmed until he retired and moved to the home in this city.

After coming to town, he assisted in organizing the Athena Land & Trust company, which caused to be bored the artesian well now flowing from one of the lots on south Third street, laid out the acreage plots adjoining the city limits on the south and made it possible for Athena to acquire the city park.

Mr. Lockwood was united in marriage to Ladora Schick, February 1, 1880, who preceded him to the grave. He is survived by one son, Z. E. Lockwood; two daughters, Mrs. James S. Bell and Miss May Lockwood, all of Athena; two grandsons, two nephews and three nieces; also two brothers, F. M. Lockwood of Walla Walla, and Ulysses Lockwood of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Funeral services which were attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances, took place at the Christian church Wednesday afternoon at 1:30.

Pastor McQuary of the Christian church at Milton, conducted the funeral services.

## Scarcity of Coal Causes Anxiety Here

For some reason Athena has been without adequate coal supply for the last ten days. The bunkers of the Tum-a-Lum lumber company were empty and a carload received week before last was soon doled out. Mr. Johnson the manager, stated that he had an order placed for delivery here on the 15th, but for some unknown cause the fuel failed to show up. Weston dealers seemed to be well supplied, however, and a number of Athena orders were filled from over there.

The semi-coal famine was relieved Wednesday when Manager Wilson of the Farmer's Grain Elevator company received a car load over the Union Pacific from Utah. It was soon parceled out and greatly relieved the situation. The Tum-a-Lum people are expecting their shipment to arrive soon.

## Sells Indian Relics

Mrs. John Tompkins recently sold to John Vert of Pendleton, a collection of Indian relics numbering 2000 pieces. Over 1000 arrow heads were numbered in the collection. There were also many mortars and stone pestles, beads, wampum and many other relics of value. The collection formerly belonged to Mrs. Elsie King, mother of Mrs. Tompkins, who for many years resided near Wallula, Washington, where she assembled the curios. The collection will eventually be placed on exhibition in the John Vert memorial museum to be built at Pendleton.

## Car Skids, Man Hurt

C. C. Cocker of Seattle, was seriously injured Saturday morning when a coupe in which he was riding, skidded off the highway south of town and crashed into the fence. Cocker sustained two broken ribs. The driver escaped injury. The injured man was brought to town where Dr. Sharp attended him. The coupe was badly battered up, but proceeded out of town on its own power.

## May Build Cannery

The committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to investigate a proposition concerning the locating of a cannery at Milton-Freewater has returned from Portland and the Willamette valley with statistics galore and lots of enthusiasm concerning the proposed enterprise.

## Recital Well Attended

The piano recital given by Miss Hanna's class in the Athena branch of the Malen Burnett school of music, Wednesday evening, was well attended and the numbers were greatly enjoyed by the audience.

## THE RESCUE PARTY FINDS PILOT DEAD

### The Pasco-Boise Mail Plane Crashes In Mountains East of Cove.

Harold E. Buckner, known over the route as "Buck," Varney air mail pilot on the Pasco-Boise flight, died as the result of his plane crashing in the mountains east of Cove, last Thursday evening, in a dense fog and a snow storm.

Headed from Boise to Pasco, Buckner flew over LaGrande Thursday afternoon at 4:10, almost on schedule time. Flying into the Blue Mountains above the fog line he soon encountered a bewildering snow storm, which veered the plane from its course. Finally finding himself above a stream, the pilot attempted a forced landing on the ice, and in doing so the plane crashed.

Fortunately two trappers, Jack Hardy and Phil Brockman, at their cabin one mile down the Minam river, heard the plane crash and hastened to investigate. They found Buckner pinned under the plane and badly injured. Both legs were broken and he was hurt internally. With an improvised stretcher made with material from the wrecked plane the two trappers carried the pilot down to their cabin.

Hardy remained in the cabin with Buckner, and Brockman strapped on his snow shoes and immediately started out for Horse Ranch, fifteen miles down the river to notify the outside world of the accident and the air pilot's critical condition. The heroic trapper bucked through deep snow for twelve long, weary hours before reaching Horse Ranch, where he communicated with Forest Ranger McCool at Cove.

A rescue party was immediately organized at LaGrande and the long trip to Horse Ranch and the trapper's cabin 15 miles beyond began.

The LaGrande party was guided from Horse Ranch back to the cabin by Brockman, who found on his arrival there his partner, Hardy, with the body of the pilot who had died some time after Brockman left for outside help.

The body was taken to LaGrande and prepared for shipment to Boise, where the wife and two children of Buckner reside.

At LaGrande examination of the pilot's body showed that both arms were broken in the crash, that he suffered compound fractures of both legs, his left chest was crushed, and he suffered severe head bruises and other injuries. Physicians said the crushed chest was the cause of death.

On account of fog banks the air mail route through the Blue Mountains has been a menace to pilots, and a part of this time the planes have been abandoned. Pilots Buckner and Taft have made a number of trips through Athena from Pasco to LaGrande in a large Chrysler roadster, carrying mail between the two points, when it was impossible to fly planes through the fog.

## Wheat Prices Improve

Over the low mark of January 5, wheat prices have advanced from four to eight cents in the last ten days. In his circular to the press Semour Jones, state market agent, indicates that an even greater improvement can be expected shortly. He quotes the following dispatch from Chicago: "The grain trade has had the most remarkable revival in the past two weeks of any time in five years. It has changed from extreme dullness to marked activity, with a more bullish sentiment on the part of local operators and broadening in outside speculative interest. Wheat prices have advanced 10 cents, corn more than 12 cents and oats 3 3-4 to 6 3-4 cents, with net gains for the week on wheat of 2 1-2 to 2 7-8 cents."

## Turkeys Prove Profitable

With the last shipment of turkeys for the season leaving Hermiston Tuesday of last week, and representing a clean-up of stocks with the exception of those birds held over for breeding purposes, Assistant County Agent George Jenkins has been able to prepare some figures on the industry, which is a comparatively new one in that district. This year with three pools shipped out through the Idaho Turkey Growers' association, the total of the sales has amounted to more than double those of last year, or a total of \$46,403.01.

## Rice Is Named

Richard Rice of Pendleton, has been named secretary of the Round-Up association, following the resignation of R. E. Chloupek resigned, who is leaving Pendleton to accept a position at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.