

STATE
CAPITAL NEWSThe Political Week
Valuations Decrease
Morrow Saved \$5000

By A. L. LINDBECK

SALEM.—Governor-elect Martin returned from his two weeks' vacation Friday with the announcement that he was not contemplating any wholesale housecleaning in the state organization when he takes over his new duties next month, then retired to the seclusion of his Portland office to devote himself to the task of preparing his first message to the Oregon lawmakers.

Consideration of patronage, the governor-elect declared, must await the completion of his message, the contents of which will not be revealed until it is read to the legislature meeting in joint session on January 14, if organization of the two branches is completed on the opening day.

That, except for an emphatic denial of the rumor that Henry Hansen, state budget director, has been asked to remain on the job until after the legislature adjourns, constitutes the sum and substance of Martin's contribution to the political developments of the past week.

Earl Shell, secretary of state-elect, proceeded to knock the props from under the political prognosticators and to set at rest rumors about his choice for the chief deputyship in the state department with an announcement from his Arlington home to the effect that George Flagg, former The Dalles newspaperman, would be retained in that capacity. Flagg came to Salem as deputy secretary of state when P. J. Statedman of The Dalles took over the secretaryship a year ago.

While it was pretty well understood around the capital that Flagg was to be retained by Shell in the event of his election rumors persisted to the effect that Elbert Bede of Cottage Grove and Dr. P. O. Riley of Hubbard were both being considered as successors to Flagg as No. 2 man in the state department.

While further developments in the senate organization still await the return of Harry Corbett from his eastern trip John Cooter, Lincoln county representative, as the unanimous choice of his House colleagues for the Speakership, is already busy at work on plans for organization of that branch of the legislature. Lack of experienced material from which to pick his committee leaders is bound to prove a serious handicap to the smooth operation of the House machine at least until the newness begins to wear off and the new members get some idea what it is all about.

With 39 standing committees to fill Cooter has only 14 members with any legislative experience at all, on which to build his organization and only five of these "veterans," some with only one session to their credit, have ever functioned as committee chairmen.

While in Salem this week Cooter made it known that he was urging the retention of Fred Drager, veteran chief clerk of the House, since this job is the key to the entire House organization and Drager's experience will be invaluable in putting the House through its legislative paces. Except for this post Cooter said that he was taking no hand in the selection of other House employees. With 38 Democrats in the House and that party dominating the situation for the first time in more than half a century it is only natural that the members of that party should insist upon a chance to sit in the seats of the mighty. However, the old employees do not propose to relinquish their jobs without a struggle. With 22 republican members as a nucleus, all said to be pledged to support the old House employees, these are now out on a still hunt for the necessary nine Democratic votes to insure their selection. Joe Singer, veteran sergeant-at-arms, and Rolia Southwick, veteran door keeper in the House, both insist that they already have enough votes pledged to insure their jobs for the next session but these claims are discounted by democratic aspirants for these jobs.

The assessed value of all property on the 1934 tax rolls in Oregon totals only \$943,504,405.62, according to figures compiled by the state tax commission. This represents a reduction of more than \$15,000,000 from the 1933 tax rolls and of \$181,500,000 from the tax rolls of 1930 when the state's assessed value reached a peak of \$1,125,000,000. Of the total valuation \$775,254,451 is listed on local rolls by the county assessors and \$167,649,954.62 represents the apportioned values of utility properties as fixed by the state tax commission. Only seven counties reported an increase in local assessments. They are Malheur, Harney, Coos, Jefferson, Lincoln and Wasco. Assessed value in the other 29 counties are below those of 1933.

The state tax commission is playing the role of Santa Claus this year and has presented the property owners of Oregon a Christmas present in the form of a \$501,836.80 reduction in their tax levy below the levy for the current year.

The state levy against property as announced by the tax commission Saturday amounts to \$4,555,005.59 for 1935, including \$1,887,008.81 for support of the elementary schools which is in no sense a state tax although included in the state levy. The 1934 levy for state purposes was \$5,056,842.39.

Every county in the state will share in the reduction. Morrow county which this year contributed \$48,828.98 toward the support of state government will be called upon for only \$43,454.75 in 1935, representing a reduction of \$5,384.23.

The levy which is based upon the assumption that legislative appropriations by the forthcoming ses-

sion will remain at approximately the same level as those of the 1933 session is not only intended to cover all needs for current expenses of the state government and its many ramifications but also to entirely wipe out the general fund deficit which now amounts to \$1,304,290.31.

Except for 1932, when the entire state levy was waived resulting in an increase of \$1,500,000 in the state deficit, the 1935 levy is the lowest made against property for state purposes since 1919, members of the tax commission point out.

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here of the death of the elder Mrs. Cooter. It had not been learned whether or not the Cooters were reached on their way east and informed of her passing.

Miss Beatrice Mason of The Dalles is visiting relatives here.

Bill Thomas, long a resident of this county, farming a number of years near Cecil and more recently a resident of Ione, departed a few days ago for an indefinite visit with a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Smith had as their guests for Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Gens Buzzard and son Creston of Hermiston.

Mrs. R. H. Deshaizer of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has been visiting relatives here and at Morgan for several days. She is a daughter of W. F. Palmateer of Morgan, and the sister of Mrs. H. O. Ely of Ione and used to farm near Morgan a number of years ago.

Mrs. Agnes Wilcox went to Gresham last week to spend Thanksgiving with her parents there.

Miss Rosa Fletcher returned last Sunday from Hood River where she has been employed for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore were dinner guests at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Padberg in Clarks canyon on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rowell and daughters of Stanfield spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ring. They remained until Friday to attend the funeral services of the infant son of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glover Peck of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith spent last week at Kinzua at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Hara.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin and children drove to Rosalia, Wash., to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Mankin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Misner who moved to a farm near there recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wrex Hickok of Portland spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore. Keithley Blake and Willard Miller of Kinzua spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Feldman and daughter Katherine drove to Walla Walla last Friday where they visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hatch and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ruley, former residents of this place. They found Mr. Hatch able to do office work in the Standard Oil office there though not entirely recovered from the ailment which he suffered about the time the family left Ione. They also report that Harry Ruley, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruley, was in Portland and about to undergo an operation for a hip trouble which is the result of an injury he had received in an auto accident of two years ago.

Clarence Kruse of Portland was a week-end guest at the Padberg ranch on Rhea creek.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blake had a family dinner at their home on Thanksgiving. The occasion also being the birthday of Mr. Blake an effort had been made to get the members of both the W. J. Blake and J. H. Blake families together. Though all were unable to attend, about twenty guests were present. From out of town were Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray Blake and daughter Marjory of Grass Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blake and grand daughter, Betty Belle, of Kinzua.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram West and children and Hugh McMurray, all of Clarkston, Wash., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. W. G. McMurray and other relatives.

Joe Engelman and Jack Farris drove to Portland Saturday returning Tuesday.

Mrs. Carol Baldwin and son Donald went to Salem to be with Mr. Baldwin over the holiday.

Willows grange used the prize money they received for their float in the Rodeo parade at Heppner last fall to purchase new regalia. It has been received and the members and officers are very proud of it and feel they have something worthwhile to remember their prize winning by.

Anton Lindstrom and William Christenson motored to the valley to spend Thanksgiving, the former going to Chinook, Wash., and the latter to his home at Mill City.

Five members of Willows grange went to Rhea Creek grange to install their newly elected officers last Saturday evening. Mrs. Mary Lundell acted as installing officer, Mrs. Vida Heliker as emblem bearer, Mrs. Mattie Morgan as regalia bearer, O. L. Lundell as marshal and Earl Morgan as temporary overseer.

Willows grange will have a Christmas program preceding its regular meeting on Dec. 22. This will be presented promptly at 7:30 and will be the joint efforts of the Home Ec club and the Cecil Sunday school. Treats will be given to the members of the Sunday school and members of the grange at the close of the program. The program will be open to the public.

On the honor roll in the Ione school the last six weeks were Harold Snyder, first grade; Dickie and Wayne Christopherson, Alton Yarnell and Maxine Allen, second grade; Alice Catherine Nicholson, third grade; Iris King, Marianne Corley and Allen Howk, fourth grade; Van Rietmann, fifth grade; Maxine McCurdy and Ruth Crawford, freshman; Wallace Landell, sophomore, and Elaine Nelson, junior.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beezeley and

At Heppner ♦ ♦
CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
JOEL R. BENTON, Minister.
Bible School 9:45 a. m.
Morning services 11 a. m.
C. E. Society 6:30 p. m.
Evening services 7:30 p. m.
Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
Midweek service, Thursday 7:30 p. m.

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8-20.

Have you heard Teddy Leavitt yet?

The meetings close next week! Hear him tonight and every night during the next two weeks. Do not miss one meeting.

Attend these meetings yourself and invite your friends and neighbors.

Every night except Monday at 7:30 o'clock, these meetings begin with a live, rousing song service. Great Bible truths are taught and preached in these meetings. If you are willing to hear the truth, not men's opinions, then hear Teddy Leavitt.

Come early and get a good seat and a book ready for the song service.

Remember: Teddy Leavitt preaches each night except Monday, at 7:30 o'clock. Hear him!

METHODIST CHURCH.
JOSEPH POPE, Pastor.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Public worship 11:00 a. m.
Special anthem for morning service, "Love to Thee," by Roy E. Nolte.

Evening services:
Epworth League 6:30.
Choir practice Wednesday evening 7:30.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. L. W. Briggs next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. Chris Brown and Miss Opal Briggs will be the hostesses.

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE.
ALFRED R. WOMACK, Pastor.

Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
After Service 11:00 A. M.
Evening Service 7:30 P. M.
Tuesday night, prayer meeting only, 7:30.

Thursday evangelistic service 7:30 "WE WELCOME ALL"

Sons came over from Kinzua last Wednesday evening. On Thursday accompanied by Mrs. Ella Davidson they drove to Toppenish, Wn., where they ate Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ries. They found Mr. Ries improved in general health though still bedfast. They returned to Ione the same evening, the Beezeleys returning to their home Friday.

Mr. Beezeley is barbering in Kinzua and Mrs. Beezeley lives at Fossil to send their sons to high school.

Mrs. Roy Brown spent the week end at her home in Hermiston.

LEXINGTON

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der the expert guidance of Coach Gentry, Colome has rounded into form and is a wonderfully improved team even since the Graveny game.

The fact that we have a coach this year (take a bow, Mr. Gentry) who knows his football and can teach it, and is smart enough to match wits with the best of high school coaches; the determination of his squad to train and give the best they have in every game; ... all combine to change Colome from the "don't care" attitude regarding athletics of a year ago to 100 per cent enthusiasm.

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Buy your Christmas gifts at the H. E. C. bazaar which will be held at the hall Saturday afternoon and evening. Aprons, linens, novelties, candies and cooked foods will be on display at reasonable prices. Cake and coffee will be served during the afternoon.

Laurel Beach spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Portland.

Several Lexington people attended the program and pie social at Alpine Saturday night. Those who were there report that the program was especially good. The proceeds, \$52, will be used for a Christmas tree.

The Lexington Home Economics club will meet on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 13, at the home of Mrs. Laura Scott, with Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Nancy McWaters as hostesses.

Mrs. Earl Hunt and two daughters of Wasco spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. J. W. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner and son Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Broadley were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McMillan.

Doctor and Mrs. G. S. Hoffman and daughter Jeanne of Union were visitors at the W. D. Campbell home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Saling and son Olney spent Thanksgiving in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McNeil and Bobbie Clarke of Portland visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schriever from Wednesday till Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McMillan and daughters Georgianna and Delpha and Edna Rauch were guests at the Antone Cunha home on Butter creek last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller entertained the following guests at a sumptuous turkey dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Belanger, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner and Miss Kathryn McLaughlin.

Mrs. Mae Burchell and family were visitors in Pendleton Monday.

Quite a number of local people have been attending the revival meetings at the Christian church in Heppner. Among those who attended during the week were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. George Gillis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marquardt, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Graves, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Helms, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Miller, Mrs. Laura Scott, Opal Leach and Beulah Nichols.

The local Red Cross committee have completed their work and report that the quota of 25 members has been filled. On this commit-

tee are Miss Dona Barnett, Mrs. Elsie Beach and Mrs. Trina Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and family spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schriever.

The regular meeting of the Rebekahs was held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4. They expect to initiate some new members into the lodge soon.

Miss Delpha Merritt spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of Miss Mary Cunha on Butter creek.

Mrs. Henry Rauch is working in Echo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allyn of Ione visited relatives and friends in Lexington Sunday.

On Friday Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Becker of Reedsville visited at the Harry Schriever home. The Beckers are old school mates of Mrs. Schriever.

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Cunha, Fred Bell and L. D. Vinson of Butter creek visited at the Ted McMillan home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rauch and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Julian Rauch.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gillis spent the week end with relatives in Portland.

Miss Shirlee Smith visited with relatives in Hillsboro during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schriever and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McNeil motored to Boardman Saturday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Nick Falser.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Munkers spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Munkers in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breshears and daughters, Helen and Joan, were guests at the Hynd brothers ranch on Thanksgiving.

School Notes
Reporters: Edith Edwards and Delpha Merritt.

The children on the honor roll in the grade school this six weeks are, first and second grades, Gene Schriever, Gerry Cutler, Bobbie Miller, Dean Hunt, Jack Miller; third and fourth, Jean Rauch, Louise Hunt, Marcella Jackson, Colleen McMillan, Ivah Kuns, Bunn Breshears; fifth and sixth, Duane Johnson, Kenneth Jackson; seventh and eighth, Danny Dinges, Robert Campbell, Wilma Tucker, Maxine Way, Zelma Way.

On Friday evening the high school girls will be hostesses for a party in honor of the high school boys. This is the outcome of a volleyball game played some time ago in which the boys were the winners.

The following students were on

the high school honor roll: Anna Doherty, Doris Klinger, Alma Van Winkle, Edith Edwards, Kenneth Peck, Helen Breshears, Fern Luttrell and Lester McMillan.

The citizenship cup which was given by Mr. Beach has arrived. It is to be given to the high school student each year who is considered the best citizen.

A Thanksgiving program was held in the auditorium last Wednesday afternoon. Several original poems were read by students from Mr. Gillis' room. A play was given by the students of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. One of the best numbers on the program was the guitar music played by a group of fifth and sixth grade boys. A meeting of the P. T. A. preceded the program.

Alberta Fulgham has left to attend high school in McMinnville. Doris Burchell is absent from school this week.

Mr. Johnson has recently treated

the furniture in Mrs. Turner's room to a new coat of black enamel edged with orange, which adds materially to the appearance. Both pupils and teacher are very grateful for the splendid change.

Everyone enjoyed the vacation on Thursday and Friday.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the kindness and sympathy, and for the beautiful floral offerings of our friends and neighbors, at the death of our beloved son.

Mr. and Mrs. Glover Peck.

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