

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Free Bridges
County Salaries
Tax Waiver

By A. L. LINDBECK

SALEM.—Added impetus was given the drive for free bridges on the Coast highway this week when the federal Public Works administration gave its approval to the plan. Copies of a bill drawn by the legal department of the PWA and covering the change from toll spans to free bridges were received this week by the highway department and have been submitted to the legislature for consideration.

Governor Martin has added his voice to that of other free bridge advocates. "We must have free bridges along this great highway to increase our tourist travel," the governor said. "The bridges will be paid for out of gasoline taxes and by the people who use the spans. Tolls would retard the development of this great section of the state."

On the other hand communities in southern, central and eastern Oregon which are still waiting for completion of the original highway system are opposing the free bridge program on the ground that it would take money out of the highway fund which should be spent on projects already long delayed. The controversy promises to become one of the warmest of the present session, not excepting that which will wage around the proposed amendment of the Knox liquor control act and the biennial fish fight.

The Pendleton Round-Up, Lakeview Round-Up, the eastern Oregon livestock show at Union and the Oakland turkey show are all out after a share of the state's racing revenues. Pendleton wants \$5000. Union is asking for \$7500. Lakeview could use \$2500 and Oakland modestly suggests that \$1200 would come in handy in meeting expenses of the turkey show. At the same time Senator Zimmerman has a bill in repealing the act of 1931 which legalized horse and dog racing and the pari-mutuel system of betting which last year produced \$83,000 for the support of fairs throughout the state.

Salaries of county officials would be fixed by the board of county commissioners rather than by the legislature under the terms of a bill by Representative Fatland which has already passed the House and is now before the Senate for consideration. County salary problems occupy much of the time of the legislators at every session and as some of the members have pointed out such action as is taken is without any information as to the sentiment of the county involved except such as is provided by the county's delegation in the House and Senate.

King Brothers, Portland contractors, who installed the cell fronts at the state prison four years ago are now asking the legislature to make good a loss of more than \$9000 which they incurred on the job, although the contract price of \$19,885 has been paid in full.

Dan Kellaher, state parole officer, says that only five percent of the men released from the state prison on parole ever come back to the institution.

It has been generally understood for some time that Barnett Goldstein of Portland was one of the principal beneficiaries of the liberal disbursement of attorneys' fees which characterized the Meier administration but the exact extent of Goldstein's fees were not revealed until this week. A report prepared by the state corporation department in compliance with a House resolution shows that Goldstein and his associates received more than \$54,000 for legal services during the past four years. Goldstein himself received \$18,700 for prosecuting officials of savings and loan associations on fraud charges and \$12,875 for legal services in connection with savings and loan association liquidations. An additional \$22,825 was paid to B. H. Goldstein and associates in connection with savings and loan liquidations.

George Neuner was the first to feel the effects of the drive against the employment of outside attorneys by state boards and commissions. Neuner who has been employed as legal advisor to the liquor control commission ever since the Knox law went into effect at a salary of \$200 a month was released by the new commission at its meeting here last week.

The new game commission is being torn between two desires. In the first place it does not want to do anything that might be construed as opposition to Governor Martin's program for supervision and control over the revenues and expenditures of all self-supported boards and commissions. In that desire the board is no doubt motivated in part at least by recollections of the fate which befell the old board when its members came out against the governor's program. On the other hand the commission is anxious that all of its revenues shall be available for the propagation and conservation of fish and game without having to divert any of it to the general fund for the support of other activities.

Two automobile insurance bills are now in the legislative hopper. One of these, introduced by Sena-

for Bynon, represents the labors of the interim committee created by the 1933 session and provides for a safety-responsibility program. The measure is facetiously referred to as the dog-bite bill since it would permit motorists on accident before compelling him to take out insurance. That is motorists involved in an accident would be barred from the highway thereafter until he had settled for any damages for which he might have been responsible and established his financial responsibility for any future accidents. The other bill, by Representative Hyde of Lane county, would compel every motorist to carry property damage and personal liability as a requisite to obtaining an automobile license.

Three counties are asking for relief from payment of their share of the state tax. Jefferson county wants the state to waive its claim on the last half of the 1934 tax and all of the 1935 levy. Tillamook county wants the state to waive the entire 1934-35 levy and 50 percent of the levy for the following five years. Curry county would be satisfied if it could be relieved of paying the 1935 tax. Other counties are expected to ask for similar relief if these are successful.

TALES OF OLD TIMES

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Prairie where a party of volunteers rescued them next day and took them to L. P. Brown's hotel in Mt. Idaho. During the massacre, one giant of a noble red man seized a small boy and squeezed his head to a pulp between his knees right before the mother's eyes. Those women were nursed back to life, and may be still on earth enduring nightmares re-enacting the awful agonies they endured.

In White Bird Canyon, Col. Parnell and Sergt. McCarthy of Fort Walla Walla did daring deeds in holding back the hostiles while Col. Perry's outfit escaped from the trap.

Near the Cottonwood House, Lieut. Raines, ten troopers and Scouts Foster and Blewett, out on a volunteer reconnoissance, were summarily shot down, and Captain Randall lost his life when he headed 17 Idaho volunteers in a dashing charge right through the hostile lines.

I fail to remember how many white people the Nez Perces killed around the Camas Prairie country, but they killed all they could, and I was reminded of their humanity in seeing the dead bodies of Farnsworth and six others at the head of Horse Prairie and the mouth of Bloody Dick's Gulch, and many murdered miners and prospectors along the trail.

Chief Joseph has been credited with strategic talent in making his 1500-mile retreat, and in giving the devil his due, he deserved it. One reason why he could out-travel the troops was that his warriors had a fresh horse to ride every hour, while the troopers had only the heavy horses they started out with. The Nez Perce war parties flanked the main outfit for miles, raided horse ranches, murdered the men who might be there, and then ran the stolen stock at an angle into their main herd.

Another thing that reminded me of the humanity of the noble Nez Perces was when they abandoned their aged fathers and mothers along the trail. At about 8 o'clock in the morning our scouting outfit, a few miles ahead of the army, would come in sight of the smoke from the campfires where the hostiles had spent the night before. Our Bannock scouts would electrify their horses and dash down to the camp. Very soon we would hear a couple of shots, and on riding into the camp would see an aged Nez Perce man or woman gasping a last gasp. Their brother-Bannax had headed them. Too old and feeble to ride horses, they had been abandoned by their people and left lying on an old buffalo robe alongside a small fire, with a bottle of water within reach, but no food in sight.

After the cruel war was over, the hostiles were escorted back to the upper Missouri River and made camp at the mouth of Rock creek. It was work and more work to set up lodges, gather buffalo chips for cook fires, and carry buckets of water up the steep river banks. But the women and children did it all, while Chief Joseph and half a dozen other noble red men spread a saddle blanket on the grass and played poker, patiently listening for the supper call. And having nobly responded to that hardship, and destroyed their rations, they resumed their interrupted poker game, assuming the attitude of the martyrs they were, or thought they were.

Noble red men be-darned!

Earl Thomson Heads University Rifle Squad
University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 13.—Earl Thomson, senior student from Heppner, again heads the University of Oregon rifle team as it opens intercollegiate competition this week. Thomson easily earned a berth on the varsity squad with a score of 389 out of a possible 400. Last year Thomson placed second in the national individual competition staged under the Hearst trophy shoot. His shooting has improved greatly this year, according to Sergeant Harvey Blythe, Webfoot coach, and he may win greater honors. Thomson will shoot with the Webfoot squad in its first week of competition against teams from the University of Washington, Washington State college, Oregon State college, University of Wyoming, Western Maryland, Virginia Military Institute, and North Dakota A. & M.

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At Heppner CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST. ALVIN KLEINFELDT, Pastor. 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.

Morning sermon, "Why Go to Church?" Everyone who does not attend regularly should by all means hear this sermon. Evening sermon, "Will All Good People be Saved?" Those who are not members of any church should be interested in this service. We are striving to make our meetings helpful to all people and pleasing to Almighty God. We measure your appreciation of our efforts by your attendance.

METHODIST CHURCH. JOSEPH POPE, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Public worship 11:00 a. m. Special music by the choir. Sermon, "Mobilizing Our Forces for Christ." Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:30. Sermon, "Christian Nurture." Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30.

A hearty welcome awaits you at all the services of our church.

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"

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DAIRYMEN NAME OFFICERS.

McMinnville—George Fullenwider of Carlton has been elected for the fourth time as president of the Oregon Dairymen's association at the annual convention here which

draw delegates from 17 counties. Vice-presidents are Mark Johnson, Astoria, and Oscar Hagg, Reedville. Roger W. Morse of Oregon State college was reelected secretary-treasurer. Additional executive committeemen are Frank Hettwer, Mt. Angel; L. H. McKee, Perdydale; Marion Taylor, Redmond; Ed Deteffen, Coquille; J. A. Anderson, Tillamook; Henry Sass, Richland, and J. R. McCracken, Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Blake returned at the end of the week from Boardman where Mr. Blake had finished his work as agricultural census enumerator. Mrs. Jennie McMurray went to Hood River last Friday for medical examination.

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Summary of Oregon AAA Funds Made by Counties

Every Oregon county has shared in the distribution of \$4,246,515.29 in rental and benefit payments returned to this state under the provisions of the agricultural adjustment act, according to a report as of January 1 recently received by the Oregon Extension service. Morrow county's total is \$415,769.80.

Total expenditures in this state from processing taxes amounted at that time to \$10,439,466.90, but this amount included \$6,079,407.57 for "surplus removal," most of which was used in financing the wheat export subsidy at Portland. Only \$13,544.04 is listed as general administrative expense in this state.

Wheat benefits have accounted for the bulk of AAA payments in Oregon, the total at the first of the year being \$3,880,348.65, compared with \$366,166.64 for the corn-hog program. The latter represents only the first payment on the 1934 contracts, however. Umatilla county leads the state by a wide margin in total rental and

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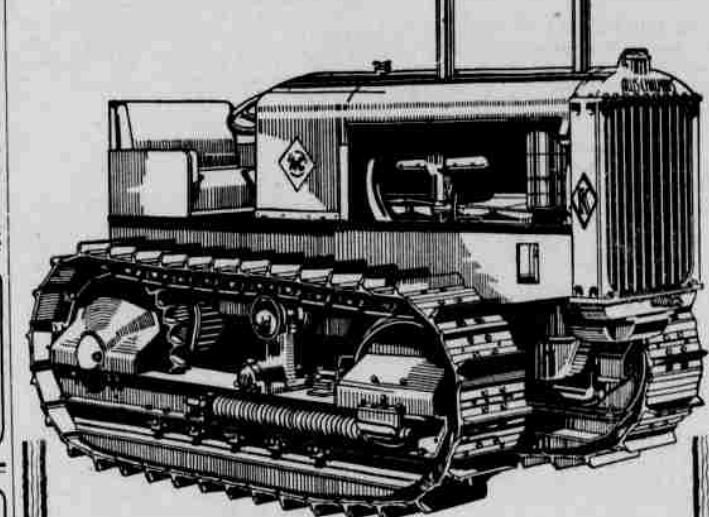
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OLIVER GETS OFFICE.

John Day—Herman Oliver, local stockman and president of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers association, has been elected vice-president of the American National Livestock association. Aside from being a personal tribute to Oliver's ability, this is also considered national recognition of the work of the Oregon association which he has headed for the past six years. Oliver is also a member of the state board of higher education.

Pack-Rat Cache Solves Mysteries

Corvallis—Mysteries which may still be haunting some old time students of O. S. C. were cleared up recently when SERA workers tore out the interior of old Kidder hall to remodel it for class room purposes. Hidden away in the walls of the old dormitory which served successively to house men and women students was found a pack-rat's cache containing a picture of a 1911 football hero, a 1906 magazine, a boxing glove, a confederate soldier's cap, a number of tennis balls, some celluloid collars, a dollar bill, and 55 cents in silver.



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