

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Censored News
- Mining Board
- 20,000 New Licenses

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—If you failed to read anything about the meeting of the newly organized state flax board in your favorite newspaper, blame it on the capitol reporters. The board met all right but there was no report of the session simply because when the board got ready to talk to the news men the capitol correspondents were busy staging a small sized revolt against the increasing tendency toward executive sessions and censored news hand-outs on the part of state boards and commissions.

When the flax board went into session it closed the doors on the press and public. The press representatives on the capitol assignment should be accustomed to such treatment by now, but they are not. They stood around on one foot for a while and then shifted to the other for sake of impartiality. After an hour of watchful waiting they (the reporters) gave up their vigil outside the door of the committee room and went in search of other news. Later—much later in fact—so the press representatives were afterwards informed, the committee emerged from their hiding prepared to reveal the secrets of their session to a waiting world. But there were no reporters around to record the story which is still unpublished.

Two more young Democrats were rewarded by state jobs this past week. Alton J. Basset of Portland became secretary to the state capitol reconstruction commission and William Hedlund, also of Portland, became assistant supervisor of the liquor control commission. In Hedlund's case the new job represents a promotion. Hedlund is a son of the Portland postmaster.

The state highway department owns 789 pieces of motorized equipment. In the list for which application was made this week for "Exempt" license plates is included 417 trucks, 172 passenger cars, 89 tractors, 94 trailers, eight air compressors, one pile driver, one mud jack and seven snow plows.

Beware of "Botanical Gardens, of St. Louis" and their bulb offer. This is the warning received by Governor Martin for state wide dissemination from the Better Business Bureau of the Missouri metropolis. The bulb offer of this firm was characterized by the Better Business Bureau as "a nation wide swindle."

Since the state legislature turned down his request for an appropriation for the state mining board Governor Martin has turned to the people with a request for voluntary donations to finance the work of this board.

Created in 1929 the mining board was given \$15,000 that year with which to match federal funds in a cooperative survey of the state's mineral resources. The session of 1931 attempted to duplicate this appropriation but the measure was vetoed by Governor Meier and the board left without any funds. As a consequence the board has not functioned for several years and there is now no authentic information as to the state's mineral deposits available for inquirers who are seeking investments in this state, the governor declares.

The governor asked the special session for \$15,000 for the mining board. The amount was reduced to \$5000 by the ways and means committee but the senate killed the bill.

More than 26,000 of the 1936 automobile license plates were mailed out to Oregon motorists Saturday, the first day on which the new plates could be displayed on cars, according to Secretary of State Snell. Two new branch offices have been established for the convenience of motorists, one at Eugene and the other at Oregon City. Both of these will issue plates over the counter. The peak of the license demand is not expected until after Christmas.

Oregon firms will receive all state business in the future unless they try to gang up and profiteer, the board of control decreed this week in meeting a complaint filed by Oregon stationers against allegedly unfair competition on the part of out-of-state firms who use Oregon as a dumping ground for surplus stocks. California and Washington have for years refused to buy state supplies from out-of-state firms, it is understood here. While firms from these adjoining states have been invading Oregon with cut-price bids for state business firms from this state have been shut out from crossing the state line to compete with firms of the neighboring states.

Flax sheds at the state prison which for several years following 1930 were full to bursting with raw material are now almost empty. With the prison plant prepared to sign up an increased acreage for 1936 the management is finding difficulty in persuading Willamette valley farmers to contract for a flax crop at \$25 a ton. To meet this situation the board of control has authorized the flax plant management to enter into an open contract, pegging the price at a minimum of \$22 a ton and giving the grower the advantage of any advance in the market price at harvest time next fall.

Oregon Jersey breeders want the state to use more Jerseys in their institution herds. A survey reveals that most of the state owned herds are Holsteins. The state hospital at Pendleton has two herds, one of Holsteins and the other of Jerseys

and the tuberculosis hospital at Salem has a herd of Jerseys. It is proposed that comparisons be made between the various herds to determine feeding costs, production and other factors entering into the cost of milk fed to state wards.

Owners of old cars equipped with pick-up bodies were evidently caught napping when the 1935 legislature taxed an extra \$5.00 license fee on these light trucks. The increase in license fee becomes effective January 1, for which licenses are now being issued and many of these owners of light delivery trucks are discovering the fee change for the first time. Secretary of State Snell who is being deluged with complaints declares that the increase in fee was not of his doing. Only strictly passenger cars are now eligible to the \$5 fee.

Rumor about the capitol has it that Otto Hartwig will step out as a member of the industrial accident commission when his term expires January 1. Hartwig, a republican and the representative of organized labor on the three-man commission, is to be replaced by a democrat, the rumor goes. This report has taken the wind out of political observers around the state house who have been predicting that T. Morris Dunne, also a republican, would be the member selected to walk the political plank when Governor Martin got ready to change the political complexion of this board. Hartwig, one time labor leader in Oregon, is still popular in labor circles. Albert Hunter, formerly of La Grande, is the democratic member of the board and will probably be retained on the commission thru-out the present administration.

It is also rumored that Jack Allen of Pendleton is slated to retire as state liquor administrator about the turn of the year, probably to be succeeded by Otto Runte, a supervisor in the employ of the commission and a hold-over from the Meier administration.

PINE CITY

By LENA NEILL

A basket social was held at Pine City last Saturday night in the auditorium for the purpose of raising money for a community Christmas tree. G. L. Bennett was the auctioneer. Approximately \$57 was taken in. The program was given by the alumni of Pine City, with the help of a few of the school students.

A number of people stayed for the dance that was given at the E. B. Wattenburger home following the basket social. Lillie, Fred, and August Rauch furnished the music. Mr. and Mrs. Eb Hughes and son Allen spent Sunday evening visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bartholomew visited at the Sloan Thompson home Tuesday morning.

Charlie Lee and Lowell Young were business visitors in Hermiston Saturday.

Frank Helms and daughters, Charlotte and Henrietta, were business visitors in Echo and Hermiston Friday.

Miss Minnie Hunting and Miss

Neva Neill of Stanfield spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Ollie Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and family were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cox Sunday.

Miss Isabella O'Brien, who is attending the St. Mary's academy at The Dalles, came home Saturday evening to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. O'Brien.

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.
Widewake service, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

This coming Sunday is Christmas Sunday, and we cordially invite everyone to come and worship Him whose birth is commemorated by this annual observance. The services are planned to honor the occasion.

Morning sermon, "Where Is He?"
The evening service will feature a program of Christmas music and readings. A sermonette, "The Infancy of an Infant," will follow. The C. E. leader will be Miss Margaret Browning.

METHODIST CHURCH.
JOSEPH POPE, Pastor.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Public worship 11:00 a. m. Special Christmas music and sermon. The choir will sing "There Were Shepherds," Lynes, and "Holy Is God the Lord," Downs. Solo, "Cantique de Noel," Adams, by Mrs. E. F. Bloom. Sermon, "Best Story of the Ages."
Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:30. Christmas Carols and sermon.

There will be a Christmas program and pageant presented by the Sunday school Tuesday evening at 7:30. Pageant, "The Nativity," Rosamund Kimball. Directed by Miss Nancy Jane Cox.

You are always welcome 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."

The Heppner Pentecostal church will go to Ione for a service at 8 o'clock, December 23. There will be a Sunday school program by the combined churches. A public invitation is extended.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle will be present at 11 o'clock Sunday morning for the Christmas service. There will be special music and Holy Communion.

TODAY and TOMORROW

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

Humanity . . . still same

The more thoughtful members of the human family have always been curious to know how, when and where the manners, customs and habits familiar to everyone, began. It is not merely curiosity that prompts scientific investigators to go back to the beginning of things. Every bit of evidence that things which we are inclined to regard as modern are really very old helps to a better understanding of what we call, for lack of a better name, "human nature."

The more I dig into the history of the human race the more firmly I am convinced that human nature in its main essentials, has not changed since the beginning of time.

Beginnings . . . one mystery

My indefatigable friend Joseph N. Kane, spends his time in digging down to the beginnings of things. Some years ago he published a thick book called "Famous First Facts" in which he told who was the first person to do or invent or discover many of the things that we regard as what have always been done. Now he has a new book called "More First Facts."

I have gone through it carefully to see if Joe has found out the name of the first man who ever ate an oyster. I think it was Dean Swift who said that that man, whoever he was, was a real hero. But Joe Kane hasn't got his name in his book.

Life . . . spore hunting

There are still millions of questions about the beginnings of things to which science has not found the answer, but every year we come nearer to the truth. The origin of life itself is a mystery which has not been solved.

A great Swedish scientist, Svend Arrhenius, put forward a theory that life first came to earth in the form of spores carried through space from some distant point in the universe. Scientists admit that may be true. The American Professor Compton's discovery of "cosmic rays" which bombard the earth from somewhere in interstellar space, suggests that such a thing is possible.

When the biggest balloon ever

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made went up fourteen miles into the stratosphere, a few days ago, the observers carried not only instruments for detecting and measuring the cosmic rays, but apparatus designed to collect spores, if there were any, in this realm beyond the earth's atmosphere.

Deities . . . many

From the earliest days, peoples of all races have been puzzled over the beginning of things, and in the absence of facts they have developed folk myths to account for matters which they did not understand.

Out of these attempts to explain origins came many of the ancient religions. The most familiar of these is the Greek mythology, which has been preserved because the world has access to more written records of ancient Greece than to those of

any other race. The Greeks imagined an elaborate system of gods and demigods to whom they attributed not only the origins of everyday phenomena but all of the good and ill that happened to human beings. In this they were like all other primitive peoples, in ascribing human attributes to their deities.

I think a good deal of that idea of God as nothing but a superior and all-powerful man persists in the subconscious minds of a great many people still.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shaw of Clarks canyon were in the city yesterday delivering turkeys from their flock.

Harley Anderson was delivering turkeys to the local market this week.



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