

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Political Pot. Pension Approval. State Flags.

SALEM.—Day by day in every way the brew in the political pot gets thicker and warmer. Patriotic citizens, timid about offering their services to the public at first, are now coming out with definite announcements of their intentions.

Isaac E. Staples, veteran state senator from Multnomah county, has now changed his residence to Tillamook county and is out as a candidate for the senate from the new twenty-fourth district comprising Tillamook and Lincoln counties.

With less than two weeks remaining for filing Secretary of State Snell is anticipating a big rush of candidates between now and March 30.

Approval of Oregon's old age pension plan by the federal Social Security Board, it is generally agreed, has dissipated any need for a special legislative session.

The depression, with its millions of unemployed, has been especially hard on paroled convicts who have found it almost impossible to find work when released from prison.

All Oregon municipalities are urged by Governor Martin to secure state flags and to display them on special occasions.

Acting upon the advice of Attorney General Van Winkle that the "third floor" of the state tuberculosis hospital for which money was appropriated by the last legislature does not necessarily have to be above the other two floors, built in 1932, the board of control has decided to build a hospital annex instead.

Saturday was moving day for the public utilities commission and the motor transport division which vacated their former quarters on the fifth floor of the state office building for more commodious quarters in the Busick building on north Commercial street.

Sixty-one motorists suffered revocation or suspension of their operators' licenses during February. Twenty-nine of the revocations were for drunken driving.

Old age pensions in Oregon, under the new plan just approved by the National Social Security Board, will continue to be administered by the county relief committees but subject to the supervision and rules and regulations made by the State Relief committee.

The county committees will determine the eligibility of applicants for old age assistance and fix the amount of their monthly pension, subject to approval by the state committee. Any grievance had by an applicant for a pension against the county committee for failure to grant an award or because of the insufficiency of the award may be carried to the state committee on an appeal and the decision of the state committee will be final and binding on the county committee.

Applicants for old age pensions to be eligible for assistance must have attained the age of 70 years; be a citizen of the United States or a native born American woman who was married to an alien prior to September 22, 1922, and who thereby lost her American citizenship but who otherwise is qualified by reason of age and residence; have resided in Oregon for five years during the last ten years and must have resided continuously in the state for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application for aid; is not an inmate of any public or private home for the aged; must not have made any assignment of property so as to render himself eligible for assist-

ance; and is not subject to institutional care.

Each application for old age pensions must be determined upon its own merits after investigation by agents of the county committees and assistance awards "shall be great enough to provide, when added to the income of the recipient, a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but in no event shall exceed thirty dollars a month to any one person."

In making grants to a couple living together, both of whom are recipients of old age assistance, the county committee will be required to "calculate the grants on the basis of economy which can be effected by such living arrangement."

The old age pension program does not relieve children or other relatives of their responsibility to the aged. Failure to meet this responsibility will be followed by prosecutions under the state law, the "plan" of the state relief committee points out.

Assistance paid out under the state plan will stand as a claim to any estate that might be left by a beneficiary.

Administration of old age assistance under the new set-up is scheduled to begin April 1 or as soon thereafter as the necessary machinery can be set in motion. Approval of the plan by the national social security board carries with it also approval of the application of the state relief committee for \$375,000 in federal funds to cover Uncle Sam's share of the pension burden, for the months of April, May and June. This money will be matched by state and county funds.

Governor Martin's fact finding committee made no attempt to fix responsibility for the Clatsop county labor war which resulted in the killing of two men and wounding of a score or more. The report of the committee declared that the controversy was wholly jurisdictional—a fight as to whether the timber workers or the sulphite workers control logging operations in Clatsop county. No dispute over wages or working condition was involved.

The \$10 license fee suit is now up to the supreme court where it will go on an appeal by the state from the order of Circuit Judge McMahon overruling the state's demurrer. The suit filed by W. J. Boatman, Marion county farmer, attacks the \$10 fee as discriminating against the farmer who owns one of the light trucks of the "pick-up" type who now pays \$10 a year for the privilege of running his truck on the highways while heavier trucks are licensed on the payment of lower fees. More than 5000 of these light trucks are now operating in Oregon.

A total of 254,130 motor vehicles were registered in Oregon up to February 29 compared to 235,074 for the same period in 1935.

LEXINGTON

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Orville Cutsforth made a trip to Pendleton Saturday to get parts for his tractor.

George Peck has returned from Portland where he went last week in company with Frank Parker and Jeff Jones of Heppner.

Lexington grange is planning another old-time dance to be given at the hall on Saturday night, April 18.

Orville Cutsforth got something in his eye Sunday and had to go to Heppner to have it removed by a doctor.

Housewives in this city have been busy mopping and dusting brooms and mops in an effort to get rid of the effects of the dust storm which visited this community Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Biddle spent the week end with relatives in Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thomas and daughter June of The Dalles were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson last week.

Mrs. Mary Nickander of Heppner was a guest of Mrs. Shelby Graves Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pointer conducted services at the Christian church each evening last week except Thursday.

Fred Mankin of Ione was a business visitor in this city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Frederickson of Salem are spending the week with relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson and son Duane were in Pendleton Wednesday.

Willard Newton and Herbert Lewis, members of the teaching staff, spent the week end in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Johnson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Campbell and daughter Patsy at dinner Tuesday evening. The occasion was Mrs. Campbell's birthday. Mrs. Nancy McWaters was also a guest during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breshers and daughter Bunny were guests at the Hynd Bros. ranch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Devine, Jr., of San Francisco are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Devine.

NOTICE OF SALE OF ANIMALS.

I will sell a bunch of stray, abandoned and starving horses at the old Lee Slosser yards in Heppner, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., Saturday, March 21. At the same time Ad Moore will offer 20 head of horses for sale.

C. J. D. BAUMAN, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS.

The period for payment of dog licenses without assessment of penalty has been extended to April 1, 1936. After April 1, the license fee will be doubled.

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First National Appoints Livestock Loan Inspector



Harry H. Anderson, well known among livestock and agricultural interests in eastern Oregon, has joined the staff of The First National Bank of Portland as livestock loan inspector and will spend most of his time in eastern Oregon.

Temporarily he will make his headquarters in La Grande, where he has been stationed as inspector for the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Portland, a position he has held since the inception of that work in September, 1932. Anderson came to Oregon in 1915 from Colorado, where he had managed his father's sheep and cattle ranch. For eight years he was associated with the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse company in Portland.

HARDMAN

By LUCILLE FARRENS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leathers, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings, Mrs. Chas. McDaniel and Miss Delsie Bleakman attended the funeral of the late Holy Leathers, held at Monument last Tuesday.

The Triple Link of the Rebecca lodge will give a benefit dance at the I. O. O. F. hall next Saturday, March 21. They will also raffle off a Sunflower quilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Knighten returned Wednesday from Portland where they have been employed the past year. They will farm the Lew Knighten ranch.

Mrs. Joe Batty was visiting here Sunday.

Fan Miller and Tom Fraters were transacting business in Heppner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fraters and Mrs. Celia Burnside and children were visiting at the home of Dee Snitzer Sunday.

Loren Watts and Mary Ellen Inskip departed for Salem Tuesday.

Mrs. Myrtle Cubine of Portland, who is visiting at the home of her brother, Walter Wright, is reported to be ill.

John Adams arrived here Saturday. He will look after things on the ranch of his son, Floyd Adams, who is in the Heppner hospital recovering from a gunshot wound.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman and Gay were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kinnard McDaniel Sunday.

Harold Craber from Portland is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Craber this week.

John McDonald is on the sick list. Lee Scribner was a business visitor here Monday.

Guy Hastings returned to work Monday at the Carl Bergstrom farm. He was called home by the illness of his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris McKittrick returned from work at the Bob Thompson ranch.

WPA Sewing Project Under Way in County

Women workers in Heppner and vicinity have recently turned over several hundred dollars worth of clothing and other useful articles to the county relief committee to be distributed to needy families.

Five workers in Heppner assemble each morning and make house-dresses, overalls, sheets, pillow-cases, children's clothing, towels, pajamas and many other practical articles. Mrs. Ada Cason is acting as fore-lady. The sewing machines are supplied by the ladies themselves and the materials are furnished by the National Works Progress administration for distribution to Morrow county needy.

Materials which cost the government only a few cents are made into house-dresses valued at from \$1.50 to \$2.00. Close cooperation between the local relief agency, Mrs. Clara Beamer, the county social worker, and the WPA results in almost completely alleviating the hardships of the needy families of this county.

Hours, wage classifications and schedules are the same as for men working on WPA projects. The women work thirty hours per week and are paid every two weeks. A comfortable, well-lighted and sanitary room has been supplied for use of the women. Workers are also located in Lexington and Ione.

SPRING GARDEN TIPS

By A. G. B. BOUQUET, O. S. C. Hardening young plants preparatory to transplanting them to the garden is done gradually and without submitting them to severe checks. Withholding water tends to harden a plant, but this can be carried to excess. Too severe hardening may cause undesirable results as is the case with cauliflower and

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

A number of visitors have been in our Sunday services since the first of the year, and almost without exception, they say that they enjoyed the fellowship and were glad they came. Will you come and see for yourself. We welcome you.

METHODIST CHURCH. JOSEPH POPE, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Public worship 11 a. m. Special music. Sermon: The Gideons, business men of Portland, will have charge of this service.

Evening services: Epworth League 6:30. Preaching service 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30. We welcome you to all the services of our church.

celery that "bolt" or produce a seed stalk prematurely.

The earlier peas are sown in the home garden the better. An early start enables the plants to make a good foliage growth before blossoming and making pods. Warmer temperatures cause later peas to reach maturity considerably faster than earlier sown seed, inducing blossoming and pod forming often before the plant itself has fully developed. It is undesirable to rely on one seeding for one's entire crop, however. Coast grown peas can be sown well into the early summer.

Lettuce, early cabbage, spinach, peas, green onions, beets, carrots, Swiss chard, sprouting broccoli, radish and kohlrabi are semi-hardy to hardy and can be started at this time of the year. Onion seeding is best delayed until the ground has warmed up in early April. Kohlrabi makes a good substitute for turnips and is less subject to maggot attacks. Swiss chard, planted now, will continue to grow until this time next year.

To grow radishes in the home garden free from maggots, the bed of radishes is protected or covered by cheesecloth, fine wire or double mosquito bar to keep out the radish maggot fly. "Screen out the fly and you keep out the maggot" is the slogan. Grow the radishes in a small rectangular bed and cover it rather than grow them in long uncovered rows.

Carl F. Bergstrom, wheat raiser of the Gooseberry community, recalled St. Patrick's day as being the first anniversary of the occupancy of his new farm home when in town Tuesday. Some reseedling is under way in his section, but withal the new crop is looking good. Wheat hurt by the freeze was mostly of the white federation variety, mostly sown as spring wheat as it is not very winter hardy.

Farm Program Details Expected by March 21

A workable program putting into effect the soil conservation and domestic allotment act will be ready by Saturday, March 21, moulded out of recommendations of four regional conferences, if national officials make the progress they expect in coordinating the various reports.

Such is the word brought back to Oregon by the state college delegates to the Salt Lake conference where for three days representatives of western agriculture worked to formulate a proposed program adapted to western conditions.

Producers were well represented at the western conference and delegates in general were free to express opinions and promote principles they wished to see embodied in the final working plans, say the Oregon delegates.

Chief interest at Salt Lake centered around provisions applicable to livestock and grain farming. Livestock men were fearful of the effect of converting large acreage into grass and legume crops which normally would be used to increase livestock production.

Recommendations of this committee were that livestock men should be safeguarded in two ways, first by having a positive program to insure benefits to range livestock men who reduce cattle numbers on over-grazed land or otherwise clearly conform to the objectives of the soil conservation act, and second by reducing benefit payments to farmers who use converted land to increase commercial production of livestock or livestock products.

What will be in the final draft of the working program no one yet knows, but the western conference certainly served in this and many other respects to give the Washington representatives a clear picture of what western agriculture needs in order to have fair treatment under the act.

Oregon delegates were active on the nine committees in which most of the work of the conference was accomplished. F. L. Ballard, vice-director of extension, served as chairman of the important committee on proposed organization for carrying the act into effect. L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist, was chairman of the committee on planning for 1937, and E. L. Potter, head of the agricultural economics division, was secretary of the livestock committee.

Erosion Control Methods Prove Worth This Winter

Erosion control practices put into effect in parts of Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam counties have withstood well one of the most erosive seasons in Oregon history, reports C. E. Hill, district manager for the Soil Conservation Service in Oregon. Hill, with A. E. Victor, ECW administrative assistant from the regional office, recently completed a scouting trip to observe conditions through parts of eastern Oregon. On finely tilled summer fallow lands, much of the water had run off the slopes and carried with it valuable soil. In such cases, sheet erosion occurred on the upper

slopes with a gully type farther down which carried soil to the lower flat areas. In contrast to these conditions, fields under control in the Wildhorse project of the Soil Conservation Service, showed that a program of rough tillage, made possible by the use of disk implements with crop residues, appeared to be effective in preventing erosion.

Where such rough summer fallow, or fall-planted grain on land so treated, was observed, there is a three-fold value in prospect. Loss of soil was largely prevented, more water was absorbed and stored in the subsoil, and additional crop residues will improve the physical condition and add plant food, Hill pointed out.

Use of grass in certain instances was found to be effective in holding erosion on a recent inspection trip made by G. R. Hyslop of Oregon State college with a class of students in cereal production. Even on land where gullies had started, a row of grass would serve to spread the flow and halt its progress, Hyslop observed. Use of grass strips at critical points, or near the thin edge of fields is sometimes practical, he said.

A good coverage of fall grain, particularly if drilled across the natural drainage flow, or the presence of stubble, also served to aid in erosion control this winter, Hyslop reports. Unfortunately, much of the fall grain was slow in starting and had not obtained enough growth when the winter came on to give much protection to the soil.

Big Growth Shown by First National Statement

Tremendous growth of The First National Bank of Portland during the past twelve months is revealed by the March 4th financial statement of that institution. Deposits increased from \$53,239,414.86 on March 4th, 1935, to \$70,663,977.15 on March 4th of this year, a growth of more than 33 1-3 percent in one year's time.

Branch banking took on more vigor during this period, branches of The First National Bank of Portland increasing from 18 to 28, this growth accounting for approximately 50 percent of the increase in deposits. Business conditions, as

gauged by the volume of bank deposits, are obviously greatly improved in Oregon. Communities outside of Portland now served by The First National include Albany, Astoria, Bend, Condon, Enterprise, Gresham, Heppner, Hillsboro, La Grande, Lakeview, Medford, North Bend, Nyssa, Pendleton, Salem, Stayton, The Dalles, Tillamook, Union and Woodburn.



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CLEANSER Sunbrite 3 Tins 13c PER LB. 30c BAKING POWDER, K. C. quality Reg. 25c Tins—2 FOR 39c COCOANUT Moist - sweet PER LB. 19c MATCHES, Permant brand. CTN. 19c CATSUP 2 12 oz. Bottles 19c TOILET TISSUE, Zee quality 4 LARGE ROLLS 19c CHEESE Full cream loaf PER LB. 24c SOAP, Camay Toilet BAR 5c P.&G. LAUNDRY 10 BARS 35c

COFFEE ALWAYS FRESH - ALWAYS ECONOMICAL AIRWAY, 3 LBS. 50c :: NOB HILL, 3 LBS. 65c DEPENDABLE, vacuum pack ... 2 LB. TIN 45c CORN, fancy 17 oz. Del Maiz, 6 TINS 59c CASE \$2.29 PRUNES, 50-60 Oregon. 10 LBS. 49c VAN CAMPS Soups, P. & Beans, Kraut Hominy, Spaghetti, 22 oz. size, 6 Tins 55c LARD, pure hog 4 LB. CTN. 63c FREE DISH 1 Post Bran Flakes, ALL 1 Grape Nut Flakes, FOR 1 Mickey Mouse Dish 23c POTATOES Excellent No. 2 Idaho—best we can get now. 100 LBS. \$1.69 FRESH PRODUCE ORANGES ... DOZ. 35c Medium size Sunkist CARROTS ... 4 LGE. BU. 19c SPINACH ... PER LB. 4c

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