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SALEM.—Claims of Harry Boivin of Klamath county to a cinch on the House Speakership are hotly protested by the so-called Left wing group who insist that the Klamath member has been counting his chickens before they are hatched. Boivin this week broadcast the announcement that he had the assurance of more than enough votes to insure his election and was ready to consider requests for appointments to the various House committees. The announcement burst like a bombshell in the widely scattered camps of his rivals for the gavel wielding job and resulted in a prompt consolidation of opposition support behind Bull of Union with Barnes of Mulnomah and Hyde of Lane withdrawing from the race in favor of the eastern Oregon candidate. An active supporter of Bull's candidacy declared while in Salem this week that Boivin could not have more than 10 of the 38 Democrats in his camp while several of the 21 republican members were pledged to the Union county man. Friends of Boivin on the other hand insist that the Klamath county candidate knew what he was talking about when he made his announcement and insist that the speakership fight is all over even if the Bull-Barnes forces have not yet found it out.

In the Senate, with W. H. Strayer of Baker refusing to yield to the plea of the Democrats that he get into the race, the Presidency appears to be in the bag for Franciscovich of Clatsop county, one of the younger members of that body in point of years.

Actual construction work on Oregon's new capitol building will get under way within the next ten days and the building will be completed within 18 months according to Ross B. Hammond, head of the Portland contracting firm, low bidders on the state house job. The bid by the Portland firm—\$2,006,137—lowest of the seven submitted to the Capitol Reconstruction commission, was not only well within the fund available for the job but provides for a white marble exterior. The Hammond company constructed the present state office building, erected in 1929-30 at a cost slightly in excess of \$500,000.

There were 6463 officials and employees on the state payroll last June according to a compilation just completed by the budget department, which shows a total monthly payroll of \$780,212.85. Activities supported by appropriations account for 2901 employees with an aggregate monthly payroll of \$382,878.92 with 3562 persons on the payrolls of self-sustaining activities drawing a total of \$397,433.93 for the month. Of the 2101 persons on the payrolls of appropriation supported activities 188, or slightly more than one-third, are in the state system of higher education but this group drew \$202,652.71 in its monthly pay envelope, or more than one half of the entire amount charged to the appropriation-supported group, whereas the other two-thirds, or 1812 persons drew only \$180,166.21. The average pay of all state employees is computed at \$120.71 a month. Employees of the state system of higher education, however, draw an average of \$204.90 a month which the average monthly pay check of the other employees and officials in the appropriation-supported group is only \$99.42 and that of employees in the self sustaining group is \$111.48.

Twenty-two new text books for use in the public schools of Oregon were approved by the State Text-book commission at its biennial meeting here this week. Most of these books will be used as basal texts although a few are for supplementary use. The new texts include language, writing, history and civics in the elementary grades, and orientation, world history, American history, general mathematics, elemen-

tary science, biology, physics and home economics for the high school courses. Adoption of the new texts does not necessarily mean that books now in use will be discarded immediately, C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, explained. The practice now followed in most Oregon schools, according to Howard, is to place the new books in use only when the old books need replacing.

Uncle Sam will pour \$768,000 of new money into Oregon during the next two years for the aid of dependent children, according to Budget Director Wharton. The federal fund will have to be matched by both the state and county governments for an aggregate of \$2,304,000 all of which will be spent in caring for dependent children, either in the homes of their own parents dependent on relief for support, or in foster homes. The fund is expected to take care of 8000 children on the basis of \$12 a month. Many of these are now being cared for in state-aided institutions while others are receiving direct relief. The fund will be administered by the State Relief commission through the State Child Welfare commission which will pass on the eligibility of children to this aid and select the homes in which they are to be cared for.

Secretary of State Snell has announced that he will recommend the repeal of the \$10 license fee on pick-up cars when the legislature meets. Much injustice has resulted through enforcement of this act in the opinion of Snell who points out that thousands of the cars subjected to this higher fee are nothing but old cars with a box on the back while pleasure cars of much heavier construction escape with the payment of a \$5 fee.

Library workers of Oregon have contributed more than \$200 in cash toward the purchase of reference books for the Bandon public library which was completely destroyed in the recent fire, according to Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian. In addition to these cash donations several large book publishing companies have also made donations of encyclopedias and other reference books.

Oregon's open fall season has had a healthy effect on the state's gasoline tax revenue. Oregon motorists, including the tourists in our midst, consumed a total of 19,693,428 gallons of gasoline during October on which they paid state taxes totalling \$984,671—\$120,000 more than was collected from the same source in October, 1935.

File early for your new automobile licenses is the plea of Secretary of State Snell in an effort to avoid the eleventh hour congestion which generally marks the annual rush for plates at the end of the year. Fewer than 12,500 of the nearly 300,000 motorists in the state had filed when the drawing for low numbers was held in the automobile registration department last Friday. Snell reminds that the new 1937 plates may be used after December 15.

A new all-time record for traffic accidents in Oregon was established during October when 42 persons were killed on the highways of the state, compared to 19 for the same month last year. The October deaths brought the year's total of 257, an increase of more than 25 percent over last year's 204 for the same period.

LORENA WILSON HONORED.

Eastern Oregon Normal School, La Grande, Nov. 25.—In the recent elections held by the Associated Women Students, Lorena Wilson of Heppner was elected secretary of that organization for the 1936-37 school year. Miss Wilson is a second year student in the teacher training department, and has been active in student affairs.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means to sincerely thank our many neighbors and friends for their kindness and helpfulness in our time of bereavement and sorrow, and for the beautiful floral gifts. We are truly most grateful.

Mrs. Ruth Stevens and Family.

Wildlife Federation
To Unite Groups

A unified program for the improvement and development of Oregon's wildlife resources came a step nearer realization with the formation of the Oregon Wildlife federation, as the concluding action of the state-wide conference just held at Oregon State college.

Governor Charles H. Martin, who called the conference of all interested organizations, and who addressed it with a strong plea for united action by interests concerned, was made honorary president of the new federation, while Ed F. Averill of Portland, who was head of a temporary wildlife council formed earlier in the year, was made active president.

Other officers are W. J. Smith, Portland, vice-president R. E. Dimick, head of the fish, game and fur animal management department at Oregon State college, was elected secretary-treasurer. To provide active state-wide participation in the body, a board of 25 directors was set up, selected mostly on the basis of one member to a county.

It is estimated that more than 100 state and local organizations, ranging all the way from community rod and gun clubs to state associations of farmers, commercial fishermen and stockmen, are directly interested in the wildlife program of the state. Many of these were represented on the conference program at O. S. C. Urging them all to unite in forwarding the many important projects on which all could agree, Governor Martin made a strong plea for harmony in action.

"There are some tendencies which have shown themselves in Oregon

in past years that, if continued, will seriously hamper or wreck any wildlife program," Governor Martin pointed out. "These tendencies are for each interest to be narrowly concerned with its own particular enterprise, without being willing to join with others in the promotion of a program which will be of benefit to all . . . Now there is so much common ground on which all of these interests can meet for their mutual benefit that it is a sad commentary on our statesmanship that we allow valuable energies to be dissipated in useless strife."

The list of directors chosen follows: Bernard Mainwaring, Baker; Bill Canton, Klamath Falls; Wilfred Allen, Grants Pass; M. L. Kimmell, Roseburg; E. G. Craven, Dallas; George Aitken, Bend; William Graf, Shedd; R. S. Brenner, Culp Creek; J. A. Davenport, Ontario; W. W. Dillard, St. Helens; Walter Johnson, Astoria; Mrs. McCormac French, Carlton; Mrs. May Nordstrom, Portland; Alva Day, Hood River; Carl Fetsch, Lakeview; Dr. Gene Hubbard, Burns; J. G. Barratt, Heppner; Ben Clagget, Salem; J. A. Winn, Albany; Oscar Ellis, Taft; Alex Walker, Tillamook; Ray Sturgis, Oregon City; Mrs. Clinton Odell, Enterprise; and Frank H. Seal, Port Orford.

Mrs. Frank Alfred went to La Grande this week to remain there for two weeks assisting in the state-wide review of WPA workers. From there she will go on to Baker for another two weeks in the same work.

Miss Minnie Ramsey of Klamath Falls was a visitor in the city Monday with her brother, Leo Gorger and family of the Ione section. Miss Ramsey follows her profession of nursing in Klamath Falls.

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TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that the County School Superintendent of Morrow County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state teachers' certificates at her office at the Court House in Heppner as follows: Commencing Wednesday, December 16, 1936, at 9 o'clock A. M. and continuing until Friday, December 18, 1936, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. History, Writing, Geometry, Botany.

Wednesday Afternoon—Physiology, Reading, Composition, General History.

Thursday Forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Geology.

Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics.

Friday Forenoon—Theory and Practice, Spelling, Physical Geography, English Literature.

Friday Afternoon—School Law, Algebra, Civil Government, Book-keeping.

No further teachers' examinations will be held in this state after the one given on the above mentioned dates. All teachers needing certification in this manner must take the examination at this time. Otherwise no certificate will be granted them except upon graduation from an accredited normal school, college or university, or teachers' college.

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