

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Mahoney to Run
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Salem.—While Willis Mahoney has not yet taken the public into his confidence with respect to his goal in the forthcoming political campaign dopesters appear to have him all set for a try at the United States senate. Incidentally, in all the speculation regarding the future plans of the fiery former mayor of Klamath Falls it has been taken for granted that he is now in a position to write his own ticket—that he can have almost anything he wants within the gift of the Democrats of Oregon. Also that he is going to be a most difficult man for the Republicans to stop in the general election whatever office he may choose to run for.

In the event that Mr. Mahoney does choose to run for the senatorship this arrangement would seem to leave the Democratic pathway to the governorship clear for Howard Latourette of Portland—unless Governor Martin decides on a try for a second term. And on that latter possibility hinges not only the answer to the Democratic nomination but that to the Republican entries as well. In the latter party are many good patriots who are not only willing but anxious to serve the state as its chief executive but who do not relish the thought of going up against Martin in view of the fact that the governor now appears to be even more popular among the republicans of Oregon. Also that he is going to be a rank and file of his own party. In this connection it can be said that State Treasurer Holman is in a receptive mood and can be persuaded to make another try for the governorship with the right kind of encouragement. Also that Earl Snell still cherishes an ambition to try his hand at the scepter wielding job in spite of his recent statement to the effect that he is not now a candidate. Dean Walker, state senator from Polk and Benton counties is not only regarded as a possibility in this connection, but by many as a strong probability especially in view of the gentlemen's agreement existing between the two counties in his senatorial district which bars him from another try at the senate. Homer Angell, state senator from Multnomah county, who has been mentioned as another prospective gubernatorial candidate, is now believed to be eyeing one of the circuit judgeships in his home county. Another name that is being mentioned in this connection is that of Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the state highway commission, whose friends are beginning to send up a few trial balloons to see whether or not the political winds might favor his candidacy. These are only a few but the year is still young. Many budding political ambitions may be expected to blossom forth into full flower during the next few months when mere speculation will give way to certainty.

American flags should be displayed on Mother's Day—next Sunday—to indicate the national scope of the celebration, in the opinion of Governor Martin who has urged that all citizens of Oregon make it a point to take advantage of the occasion to pay a special tribute to all mothers, living and dead.

The "new deal" social security program was attacked by Dr. Francis E. Townsend, old age pension leader, as "very unsound" at a mass meeting of his followers here Sunday afternoon.

"There is no security in it at all," declared Townsend who told his audience that his program was the only one which offered an adequate pension for the aged.

Townsend also attacked President Roosevelt's court reform program as an attempt to "control the national empire."

Townsend said that his visit to the

Pacific northwest was made for the purpose of raising funds to carry the fight for adequate pensions into every congressional district in the United States. His organization is seeking a fund of \$5,000,000, he said, and the money is now rolling in from clubs all over the country.

Acceptance by C. A. Howard of the presidency of the eastern Oregon normal school leaves a vacancy in the office of superintendent of public instruction for which there is already a mad scramble on the part of eligible educators. While Governor Martin has announced that he expects to pick the best man for the job—when the time comes—regardless of politics it is generally expected the plum will fall to a Democrat, especially since several prominent educators of this political persuasion are known to be in a receptive mood.

Most prominent among those being mentioned for the post are Rex Putnam, city superintendent of schools at Albany; R. R. Turner, head of the Dallas school system; Paul Jackson, superintendent of the Chemawa Indian school, and J. W. Leonhardt of La Grande. Putnam, prior to going to Albany, was superintendent of the Redmond schools. He is also a member of the state textbook commission. Turner served as superintendent of public instruction for a short time under appointment by Governor Piervie when J. A. Churchill resigned to become head of the Monmouth normal school. He was also connected with the federal land office at Roseburg at one time and has twice been a candidate for Congress in the first Oregon district. Jackson was formerly superintendent of the Klamath Falls schools. Leonhardt, a member of the faculty of the La Grande schools, was the Democratic candidate for Howard's job in the last election, missing the mark by a margin of 25,000 votes.

Inasmuch as Howard's resignation does not become effective until September 1 when he takes over his new duties it is not expected that the governor will announce his appointment before July or August.

There will be power in plenty and to spare for everybody from Bonneville dam in the opinion of Governor Martin who returned Saturday from his trip to the national capital where he appeared before the Congressional committee in support of a cheap rate at the dam site for the use of industries that might want to locate there.

State Treasurer Holman is taking the initiative in a drive for purification of Oregon streams. A meeting of all persons interested in the subject has been called for the Imperial hotel in Portland, Saturday morning. The drive has the moral support of the state board of control although the board is taking no official action in the matter inasmuch as there is no authority under which the state can act. Holman hopes that the campaign will result in legislation requiring all municipalities to make adequate provision for disposal of its sewage without dumping it into the most convenient stream.

Laying of the cornerstone for Oregon's new capitol building will be

an event of June, possibly the first week of that month, according to J. A. McLean, chairman of the state capitol reconstruction commission. Workmen are now engaged in pouring concrete for the fourth or top story of the new building and this work will be completed by the last of this month when the work of placing the granite and marble exterior covering will be started. The corner stone laying will be made the occasion for an impressive ceremony attended by high state officials, members of the legislature and other dignitaries.

The federal grant for new state buildings will not exceed \$450,000 Governor Martin explained on his return from Washington. The governor is confident that enough relief labor can be found to satisfy the government's requirement for this grant.

50th Year Experiment Station is Observed

"The question for the prune grower to determine is not Will there be an overproduction? but Can I produce at the lowest cost?"

"The day of the range fed beef is fast passing away, and stall fed beef is growing in demand."

"Fiber flax cultivation might well replace much of the grain growing which is no longer highly remunerative."

These questions may sound strangely modern, but as a matter of fact the first and last were uttered in 1896 and the second in 1893 by members of the then small staff of the newly established Oregon agricultural experiment station.

These and many other former recommendations of the station were recently reviewed in connection with the current celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the agricultural experiment station system in Oregon and the United States. First public celebration of the event in Oregon occurred in connection with the meeting of the

State Board of Higher education on the campus of Oregon State college the last week in April.

A review of old reports issued by the experiment station founded in 1887, revealed many sound recommendations and discoveries in the early days that were long delayed in being put into practice. Following the establishment of the Oregon extension service in 1913, however, much less time elapsed before farmers received practical benefits of the station findings.

In 1894 the station specialists were advocating the use of low priced wheat for the raising of more hogs which then as now were being shipped in from the middle west to supply western markets. Perusal of the old reports revealed that practically all of the present farming practices and crops now in use in Oregon had their origin in work of the experiment station.

In 1907, Dr. James Withycombe, then director of the station, reported that "the growing of clover, vetch,

alfalfa, rape and kale throughout the western portion of the state is almost entirely due to the effort of this station. This change from the system of grain growing and bare fallow has been worth millions of dollars to our farmers."

CALL FOR BIDS.

School District No. 1, Morrow County, Oregon, will receive bids for wiring and fixtures for school building, up to and including Wednesday, June 2, 1937. Specifications are on file at superintendent's office. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LOUISE BECKET, Clerk.

ONE IN TWENTY DOOMED.

One out of twenty persons living in Oregon will be injured or killed in a motor vehicle accident within the next five years if the present traffic mishap rate is allowed to continue, the Oregon State Motor association points out.

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4-ROUND SEMI-WINDUP

MONTANA RED (145) vs. JACKY HERRON (145)
 (Butte, Mont.) (Eureka, Calif.)

4-ROUND MAIN PRELIMINARY

TOM CLARK, Jr., (165) vs. KENNETH DANIELS (165)
 (Heppner) (Heppner CCC)

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