STATE CAPITAL

- Farley Appearance
- Martin's Decision
- Utility Valuations By A. L. LINDBECK

SALEM - Democrats of Oregon had their day again Saturday. Scores of the faithful spent the day basking in the reflected glory of James A. Farley, postmaster general and chairman of the Democratic national committee. Many limited their homage to a single appearance at one of the banquets tendered the head of the postal service. Others accompanied the party leader throughout the day on his tour of the Willamette valley all the way from Portland where he was "breakfasted" to Eugene where he was "dined" that night.

Included in the royal entourage were scores of postmasters and postmistresses all anxious to display their loyalty to the "king-maker," numerous party workers, holders of state and federal offices and patriotic Democrats who are willing and anxious to sacrifice themselves on the altar of public service. There was Goveror Charles H. Martin in whose own private automobile the guest of honor made the trip from Portland to Eugene, and Howard Latourette of Portland who is preparing to oppose Martin for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination next May. There were also Willis Mahoney of Klamath Falls and Carl C. Donough and E. J. Griffith of Portland, all three recognized as aspirants for the seat in the United States senate now held by Fred Steiwer, republican. Donough in his capacity as United States district attorney was very much in the spot light on the program but it could not help but be remarked by the observant that Mahoney came in for his full share of applause-at times amounting almost to an ovation-every time his name was mentioned at one or the

other of the several "banquets." Of congressmen and would-be congressmen there were many in evidence. These included Nan Wood Honeyman, democratic incumbent from the third district and Ellis Northwestern Electric company and committeeman who last week had Barnes of Portland who would like the Portland General Electric comto succeed Mrs. Honeyman, and Andy Burke, sheriff of Marion county, who is being prominently mentioned lential and commercial lighting, it is as the Democratic opponent of Con- said, will result in savings of approxgressman James W. Mott in the first mately \$330,000 a year to patrons of district, and Harry Boivin of Klam- these companies which serve the as Speaker of the House in the last legislative session but who would not be unwilling south as Salem. to succeed Walter Pierce as Oregon's Congressman from the big second district; and there was also Vernon D. Bull of La Grande whose political aspirations are said to center in the office of labor commissioner

If and when the state police step in to preserve law and order it will the situation, Governor Martin de-Portland police in the strike situait will be to take complete charge of the situation and not to merely assist the local police.

State Treasurer Holman's proposal to "block" state school lands into sizeable areas has served at least one good purpose. It has aroused an interest among school people in the so-called irreducible school fund. Recent sessions of the land board at which the blocking problem has been up for consideration have been largely attended by teachers, school board members and representatives of Parent-Teacher associations and women's organizations all bent on seeing that the school fund gets a pear that they are trying to lock the stable after the horse has been stolen. Revenues from the state's grazing lands, it is generally admitted. would amount to only a drop in the bucket compared to the millions that missioner, has called a meeting of has just taken a position as permit were stolen from the school children beauty parlor operators and beauty clerk in the Portland office of the

the friends of the schools were asleep on the job.

Governor Martin will give his reply to the demand for a special session of the legislature to consider claim to be impractical. more adequate pensions for the needy aged within the next few days.

past week succeed in evolving a pro- of State Snell who urges greater care ous pensions without adding to the schools are again in session. Snell safe bet that his answer will be "no."

The demand for the special session was presented to the governor pedestrians on a crosswalk. in the form of petitions containing more than 75,000 signatures. Presentation of the petitions was made by a large delegation of Townsend Salem this week (Wednesday and leaders who prevailed upon the gov- Thursday) for their annual conferernor to withhold any immediate decision and give them an oppor- clude experimental schools, visual tunity to work out a program that aids in instruction and the place of might meet with his approval.

In an address before 500 Townsendites in Salem that night Govern- include Governor Martin and Secor Martin expressed himself as in retary of State Snell, both members entire sympathy with the old age of the State Board of Education; pension movement. Declaring that Rex Putnam, superintendent of pubpresent pensions were entirely in- lic instruction, and Thomas R. Fowadequate to meet the needs of the ler, president of the Oregon High aged the governor promised to go School Principals' association. along with the sponsors of the more adequate pension program "to the limit that the traffic will bear." The governor, however, expressed his doubt as to the ability to enact a revenue measure to finance more generous pensions without running counter to a referendum which would tie the whole program up until the next election.

Townsend leaders who are sponsoring the move for a special session ar confident that a "transaction tax" would meet with the approval of the voters although to the layman it is difficult to distinguish between this arily transferred from one fund to tax and the sales tax which has been defeated by decisive majorities on three occasions in Oregon.

Approximately \$1,100,000 a year is being saved by Oregon utility patrons as the result of voluntary reductions in rates filed by the utilities during the past two years after a series of "friendly conferences" with the utilities department, according to N. G. Wallace, public utilities commissioner. The most recent of these voluntary rate reductions were announced this week by the pany. The new rates filed by these utilities and applying only to resicity of Portland and a large slice of the lower Willamette valley as far

in Oregon have been increased by sound calculations of trained ennearly \$4,000,000 over 1936 figures gineers rather than the mouthings while valuations of Oregon power of pundits whose specialty is in usutilities have been "upped" by \$4,- ing words to conceal rather than 289,037.15 the state tax commission reveal." announced this week. Valuation increases among the power utilities be only after local authorities have ranged as high as 66 percent in the shown their inability to cope with case of the Port Orford Light and service station employee, is under Power company. Hearings held by clared this week in commenting on the tax commission, it was shown, a press dispatch out of Portland to revealed that the greatest improvethe effect that Mayor Carson had ment in earnings during the past asked Chief of Police Pray to send year was made by utilities operating in a few state troopers to help the in eastern and southern Oregon rather than by the larger utilities opertion. Furthermore, the govenror ex- ating in the vicinity of Bonneville plained, when the state police step in dam. It was also developed at these hearings, the commissioners explained, that while gross earnings of the utilities generally have increased net revenues would be little if any higher than for 1936 because of increased operating costs including higher wages and increased prices of materials and supplies. Railroads generally reported serious reductions in their net earnings the commission said.

In case there may be some who have not been apprised of the fact it should be mentioned that this is "Be Kind to People" week. That's a new one for the "weeks" calendar, a strictly Oregon product. Governor square deal. However, it would ap- Martin has requested that all citizens of Oregon observe the week "in a general spirit of kindly interest and old-fashioned neighborliness."

Chas. H. Gram, state labor comthrough fraudulent land sales while college operators for Portland on Public Utilities commission.

October 29 to discuss hours of employment and wages. The operators have filed complaint against the 44hour week imposed by the State Welfare commission which they

One out of every five persons Unless Townsend leaders who have killed in traffic accidents, is a child been working on the problem the of school age according to Secretary gram that will finance more gener- on the part of drivers now that present tax burden, it is a pretty calls particular attention to the provision in the traffic laws requiring motorsits to give right-of-way to

> High school principals from all sections of Oregon are meeting in ence. Subjects under discussion inan honor society in high schools. Speakers on the two-day prgoram

> The supreme court's opinion in the case involving salary increases for Portland school teachers is of interest to every city and county as well as every school district in the state. In the opinion the high court held that the Portland school disto its teachers in excess of the budget estimate. The opinion also held that the ruling applied with equal force to city and county governments. While the learned justices held that monies might be temporanother they also pointed out that these "loans" must be repaid to their rightful funds before the end of the fiscal year.

> Governor Martin struck out at critics of his stand on Bonneville power again this week.

> "Self seeking politicians and demagogues have tried to becloud the Bonneville issue for their own ends and at the expense of the people," the governor declared in what is interpreted here a reply to Howard Latourette, Democratic national charged the governor with attempting to find a place for himself in the Roosevelt band wagon under false pretenses.

Every cheap trick in the bag of rabble rousers has been used but I am convinced that the people of this state will not be hoodwinked," the governor continued. "In this modern day and age our people will be prone to accept with greater confidence Valuations of railroads operating and assurance the unbiased and

> Although LeRoy Herschel McCarty, convicted slayer of a Portland sentence of death Warden Lewis of the state prison is not going to be in any hurry about the construction of the recently authorized lethal ga chamber. The warden recalls that i has been nearly six years since murderer paid the supreme penalty for his crime in this state and that in the interim two convicted slayers have been snatched from the gallow by eleventh hour commutations o their sentences to life imprisonment-The warden has been investigating gas chambers in use in other states and is of the opinion that Oregon's chamber can be constructed in less than a month if and when the need for one is definitely established.

Voters of Oregon will be asked to support a measure creating a sanitary board for the purpose of clearing streams of pollution. The proposed measure is being sponsored by the Oregon Stream Purification League of which State Treasurer Holman is president and Frank Franciscovich, president of the state senate, is vice-president.

Frank Tierney, executive secretary of the Democratic state central committee during the last campaign,

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a meeting of the LEVYING BOARD OF MORROW COUNTY, OREGON, at the Court House in Heppner, Oregon, on the 18th day of November, 1937, when and where the estimates arrived at by the budget committee of Morrow County, Oregon, hereinafter set forth, may be discussed with the Levying Board, and when and where any person who shall be subject to such tax levy, shall be heard in favor of or against said tax levy or any part thereof. any part thereof.
Dated at Heppner, Oregon, this 19th day of October, 1937.

BERT JOHNSON, Judge. GEORGE N. PECK, Commissioner. L. D. NEILL, Commissioner.

ESTIMATES

This estimate sheet is made in compliance with Chapter 118, General Laws of Oregon for 1921, and amendments thereto, and shows the several services, mater-

	1938 Esti- mated Expen- ditures	1st 6 mo. 1937	1934	1935	1936
OUNTY JUDGE Salary\$	1,600.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.0
OUNTY COURT Expense, mileage	1,000.00	508.65	1,094.17	1,777.47	1,272.8
HERIFF	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,600.00	2,000.00	2,000.0
Deputies	2,700.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	2,093.00	2,400.0
travel	850.00 550.00	476.71 514.80	3,799.09	940.56 550.00	846.2 611.5
LERK Salary	2,000.00 1,020.00	1,000.00 450.00	1,600.00	2,000.00 939.26	2,000.0 900.0
DeputyBooks, incidentals	400.00	221.63	1,629.95	296.72	319.9
SalaryBooks, incidentals	1,200.00 100.00	513.33 13.60	1,000.00 175.99	1,000.00 89.16	1,000.0 75.3
SSESSOR Salary Deputy	1,600.00 1,200.00	758.65 450.00	1,250.00	1,600.00 900.00	1,600.0 900.0 498.2
Books, incidentals	350.00 650.00	527.42 181.45	1 2 2 22	232.36 693.51	601.7
Tax Extension	100.00	45.00	1,968.50	227.50	120.0
Adjustment	400.00				
SalaryTravel Expense	1,600.00 400.00	800.00 163.93	1,500.00	1,600.00 380.59	1,600.0 339.6
Books, incidentals	300.00	157.41		330.56	448.4
Assistant	100.00 81.00	100.00 57.34	567.10	100.00	100.0 81.0
Mileage, Fees	75.00	54.00	102.00	37.60	40.0
ACCOUNTANTS Audits	450.00	285.21	2,966.32	770.00	500.0
Postage, telephones, sta- tionery, telegrams	750.00	284.67	873.24	919.34	798.9
Board and Expense	350.00	190.39	228.03	157.73	272.4
Expense	1,400.00		1,392.61		2,088.4
NDIGENT SOLDIER Expense	100.00	46.50	50.00	50.00	24.2
Janitor	900.00 250.00	450.00 213.58		900.00 142.00	900.0 293.5
Light and Power	500.00 700.00	204.96 905.05	1,909.51	474.91 793.62	534.0 636.9
ENERAL ASSISTANCE	3,750.00 120.00	1,629.45	3,781.67	4,148.75	2,282.8
TOTHERS' AID	1,000.00	1,080.42	1,466.87	1,714.60	2,260.0
HYSICIAN'S SALARY	300.00 200.00	150.00	300.00	300.00	300.0
NSANE EXPENSE	100.00	10.00	2,106.98	19.00	151.5
Witnesses, jurors, bailiffs and incidentals	1,700.00	702.02	2,042.35	1,016.44	2,172.4
USTICE COURT	200.00	115.85	257.60	150.33	114.3
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	220.00	56.70	157.97	2 150 00	66.8 2,150.0
OUNTY AGENT	2,300.00 85.00	2,200.00 28.70	2,300.00 84.48	2,150.00 74.24	2,150.0
LD AGE ASSISTANCE	6,000.00	1,813.40	2,429.58	5,000.00	4,223.6
Insurance	130.00 430.00	88.50 250.00	165.00 187.00	82.74 545.00	388.° 425.0
Bonds	200.00	#10.00	163.65	198.49	200.0
NSTITUTE APPROPRIA-	72.511		75.00	100.00	100.0
TION OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS	100.00	171.77	13.00	100.00	584.3
and Tax Foreclosures	500.00	500.00			500.0
TISING OUISE HOME APPRO- PRIATION	50.00	500.00			50.0
WATER MASTER Traveling expense and Incidentals	350.00	223.25			150.
VIND EROSION CON-	50.00				<i>∪.</i> ₹40
WEED CONTROL	250.00 5,000.00	726.83		2,808.75	4,493.
Appropriation	10,000.00	3,775.07		19,558.72	
ROADS AND BRIDGES Repairs Labor Materials.	40,000.00			43,288.65	
Equipment, Incidentals ROAD BONDS Sinking Fund	27,500.00	- 1 Ta		20,200.00	24002
Interest Fund COUNTY SCHOOL Appropriation	20,875.00 12,200.00				
RTATE TAX					
Appropriation	\$194,886.00				
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\$ 83,375.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS OTHER THAN TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 1938 Cash on Hand (General Fund)\$ 7,500.00 Sheriff's Fees:

25 per cent Forest Rentals Clerk's Fees Motor Licenses from State 2,000.00 Land Leases From Delinquent Taxes \$ 34,400.00

RECAPITULATION

Total estimated expenditures for 1938 subject to 6 per cent limitation Total estimated receipts not including proposed tax

Balance; amount to be raised by taxation subject to 6 per cent limita-\$ 86,111.00

Dated this 19th day of October, 1937.

MORROW COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE, By BERT JOHNSON, Chairman, By E. H. MILLER, Secretary.

I certify that the amount of outstanding Morrow County indebtedness is the sum of \$415,000.00 in serial road bonds. C. W. BARLOW, County Clerk. (County Seal)