

# Local News

Sam Hall of Portland arrived the end of the week at the home of his nephew, Norman Florence, accompanied by Laddy Gale, U. of O. basketball star, and Gene Florence. Gene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Florence, is attending high school in Eugene, and Gale resides in Eugene at the home of Mr. Hall's son. On Monday evening Mr. Hall entertained with a dinner party at the Elkhorn restaurant in honor of his birthday. A resident of Morrow county in the early days, Mr. Hall later followed railroading, for many years holding the position of switchman on the St. Johns' bridge in Portland, and is now retired on pension by O. W. R. & N. Co.

Dr. J. H. McCrady arrived the end of the week from his home at Cle Elum, Wash., to visit for a week with Heppner friends. Before arriving here he visited at Seattle and Portland. While he had completed arrangements to locate in a dental office at Yakima, he said his recovery from injuries received in an automobile accident a few months ago had not reached a point where he felt safe in starting to work.

Judge Bert Johnson and Jack Ferris of Ione, and D. M. Ward and Harold Hill of Heppner were among Morrow county men attending the meeting at Pendleton Tuesday afternoon at which J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, spoke. A diversified opinion was expressed on the feasibility of a "postage stamp" rate for which Mrs. Minnie McFarland, Morrow County Pomona grange master, spoke favorably.

Frank Turner returned Tuesday from a motor trip to Portland accompanied by his daughter, Miss Anabel Turner; nephew, Don Turner, and Miss Ilene Kilkenny, University of Oregon students spending spring vacation here. Mrs. John Vaughn accompanied him to the city.

Mrs. Clearwater of Washougal, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clearwater and son John of The Dalles were Sunday visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Rice. The elder Mrs. Clearwater is the mother and Mr. Clearwater, brother, of Mrs. Rice.

J. G. Barratt motored to Portland yesterday morning to attend a directors meeting of the Northwest Production Credit association. On the return he expected to bring his mother, Mrs. W. B. Barratt, for a visit.

C. E. Carlson, in the city Saturday from the Gooseberry farm, said that attempts to plow had been frustrated by the exceedingly wet condition of the ground. The disc harrows only gummed up.

Francis Nickerson, a U. of O. bone crusher who has hung up a good record in matches this winter, is home for spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nickerson.

Nancy Jane Cox and brother, Charles Cox, are spending spring vacation from Oregon State college at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Claude Cox.

C. J. D. Bauman, Loyal R. Parker and Spencer Crawford motored to Pendleton Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of "40 et 8," ex-service men's organization.

Horace Yoakum returned last week from the coast where he spent most of the winter and has again taken up his abode on the old home place up Willow creek.

Joe Green, University of Oregon student and member of the university band, is spending spring vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green.

Willie George Wilson returned to his home in the Hood River valley the end of the week after visiting local relatives and friends for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bergstrom were visitors in the city yesterday from the Eight Mile farm.

R. R. Butler, forest ranger at Ukiah, was a visitor in the city yesterday in connection with work of signing up permittees for the year.

O. J. Johnson, associate range examiner with the Umatilla National forest, was a business visitor in the city yesterday from Pendleton.

Dr. J. P. Stewart, Eye-Sight Specialist of Pendleton, will be at the HEPPNER HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd.

Wilbur Gourley was transacting business in town Tuesday from the Skinner creek ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hall moved this week to the Blahm place on Skinner creek.

Lawrence Becket was among Eight Mile folk in the city on business Tuesday.

## Trashy Fallow Study on With New Help

Follow up work in the trashy summerfallow study, started in 1937, was begun Tuesday and Wednesday with Lawrence Jenkins, assistant specialist in farm crops, and W. W. Gorton, of the farm management department, O. S. C., visiting several wheat ranches with Joe Belanger, county agent.

The cooperation of the farm management department in this work is new this year, says Mr. Belanger. It will be recalled that in 1936 the farm management department conducted an economic study of dry land wheat farming in the Columbia basin. A preliminary report of this investigation was published February, 1937, and material furnished by this report was used to excellent advantage by the Eastern Oregon Wheat league in the recent freight hearings before both the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Maritime Commission. The data thus furnished on cost of wheat production was of invaluable assistance in bringing about the reduction in maritime freight rates, and in preventing the full fifteen percent increase in rail rates on agricultural commodities.

The work done last year in the trashy summerfallow study showed a close relationship between the type of operation and the amount of trash left on or near the surface, Mr. Belanger says. With the variety of farm tools being used and the varied method in which these tools are handled, the continuation of this survey in 1138 should bring out additional valuable information.

## Heppner Nimrods Come Up in Tourney

Heppner Rod and Gun club completed the second round of the Oregonian telegraphic trapshooting tournament Sunday with one clear win, five defeats and two ties to be determined in next Sunday's round. Three of the defeats were suffered in the first round, the fourth came in a shoot-off tie in which LaGrande with 74 topped the local team score of 72, and the fifth resulted from a new match with Tillamook which recorded a perfect 75. The win was taken from Roseburg, 68, and the ties were with Washougal and Portland, each with 72, from last Sunday's matches.

H. E. Warner 25, P. W. Mahoney 24, and A. D. McMurdo 23, made up last Sunday's team. Scores for the day were recorded by Vivian Kane, secretary, as follows:

100 targets: John Lane 88.  
75 targets: P. W. Mahoney 67, A. D. McMurdo 66, C. C. Carmichael 65, R. Jackson 48.

50 targets: Chas Latourell 39, Lowell Turner 39, V. Kane 38, E. O. Ferguson 36, H. C. Happold 33, Mark Merrill 31, J. Parsons 26.  
25 targets: H. E. Warner 25, J. H. McCrady 23, Rod Thomson 19, Bob Cutler 21, Edwin Bucknum 19, G. Carlyle 18, Ray Rice 17, C. A. Kane 16, J. Lane, Jr. 12, Anderson 3.

Next Sunday's competition will be Pendleton, The Dalles, Bend and Klamath Falls.

## STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Holman for Senator
- Rate Warnings
- Capitol Opening

By A. L. LINDBECK

SALEM—Friends of State Treasurer Rufus Holman in Salem, Portland and other sections of Oregon this week launched a "Holman for United States Senator" boom in an effort to persuade Holman to enter the republican primaries. Holman who up to this time has figured largely in speculations as a possible republican candidate for governor admits that the prospect of a seat in the United States senate intrigues him but declares that he will await further developments before making up his mind as to whether he will run at all or not and if so, for what.

J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway commission, is also receiving considerable encouragement to enter the senatorial race. Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill this week denied reports that he had given up any notion of trying for the senatorship. He was not yet ready, however, to definitely announce his candidacy. Others mentioned in connection with this post include Homer Angell of Portland, Walter Norblad of Astoria and Walter Tooze of Portland.

Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer, who announced his intention to seek the republican gubernatorial nomination several weeks ago, filed his formal declaration this week. In his platform Brown promises to devote his efforts to the restoration of harmony between rival factions in Oregon and expresses the belief that his years of experience in the state legislature adequately qualify him for the high office of chief executive. Four years ago Brown was runner-up in the republican gubernatorial race, running second only to Joe Dunne who later lost out to Charles H. Martin, the democratic choice.

Governor Martin's long expected announcement of intention to try for a second term, was made at a meeting of Young Democrats in Portland Friday night where the governor was given a rousing ovation by the more than 500 partisans attending. Commenting on the political outlook to newspapermen in Salem the governor said that he anticipated no difficulty in winning the nomination. Three other Democrats will compete with Martin for the nomination including Dr. J. F. Hosch of Bend, O. Henry Oleen of St. Helens and Dr. Ralph H. Erwin of Portland.

Resignation of E. A. Landis as superintendent of the motor transport division of the public utilities department this week immediately started a rumor that this was the forerunner of a wholesale house-cleaning. The rumor was just as promptly squelched by Utilities Commissioner N. G. Wallace who denied that there was any political significance to Landis' resignation or that any departmental house-cleaning was in prospect. Supporting Wallace's claim that Landis was not being released because of political reasons came the announcement that A. F. Harvey, another republican who has been with the department for the past 12 years, would succeed to the post of superintendent of transportation.

Here's one that ranks alongside the old cat and rat farm story: The state school for the deaf has a small tract of low, wet land. "Is the land good for anything," Treasurer Holman wanted to know. "Oh, yes, we raise hay on it," Superintendent Steed assured him. "And what do you do with the hay?" Holman persisted. "We feed it to our team of horses," Steed replied. "Oh, so you have some horses, too; what do you use them for?" queried Holman. "We need the horses to cut the hay," Steed explained.

Condemnation proceedings will be resorted to in order to secure possession of the Patton property in Salem occupying a portion of the block on which the new state library is being built. The Capitol Reconstruction commission reports

that owners of the property have been offered \$32,000 but that they are asking \$57,000.

When the state highway commission retires a block of \$1,753,000 in road bonds maturing April 1 its load of bonded debt will be reduced below the \$20,000,000 mark for the first time since 1920. Unless new bond issues are floated the commission's bonded debt will be almost wiped out during the next ten years, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

N. G. Wallace Oregon utilities commissioner, this week warned J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, against tampering with the present rate policy in Oregon which gives to farmers the same rate as enjoyed by dwellers in adjacent cities.

"In the state of Oregon, with only one exception, we have no differential between urban and rural rates, the schedules of all of our larger utilities being the same on the farm as they are in the city, and the same in the smaller cities as in the larger," Commissioner Wallace pointed out in his letter to Ross.

"We realize, of course, that the ordinary rural territory, in order to be served at rates as low as those in the city, must, in effect be subsidized, and, appropriately so, by the cities which the country supports, and those cities feel that they should at least be called upon to bear a substantial part of such subsidy.

"Our people on the farms are going to expect this and our people in the city have subscribed to it. It is my judgment that any change in this situation would arouse a bitter protest in the very extensive rural areas served by the utilities which you mention in your letter."

Governor Martin, in a letter to Ross, also warned that any benefits accruing to private utilities by way of savings in power costs by reason of the operation of Bonneville dam must be passed on to the consumers and not retained by the utility to be paid out to stockholders as dividends.

Dedication of the new capitol has been set tentatively for October 1. The new building will be ready for occupancy by the latter part of June but the Capitol Commission does not want to throw it open to public inspection until the new furnishings for the executive suite and the House and Senate chambers arrive. The rugs, drapes and furniture for these rooms, it is estimated, will cost approximately \$30,000. Designs for these furnishings are to be prepared by the architects who designed the building and can not be ready for delivery for several months. While the building will be ready for occupancy in June it is not expected that all of the work, such as painting of the murals and the sculpturing of the statues will be completed for another year.

The Oregon association of Trade Executives has attacked the validity of referendum petitions filed against

the anti-price discrimination act of the last legislature. Among other things, it is charged that paid circulators were employed in securing signatures to the petitions. Suit has been filed in the Marion county circuit court asking that the referendum be set aside.

This is a story of 11 pianos that have been going "round and round" for the past three months without coming out anywhere yet. Three months ago the Oregon State college asked for 11 new pianos. The board of control, upon the recommendation of the head of the college music department, placed the order with Sherman, Clay & Co., Portland. Thereupon, Collins & Ewin, another Portland piano house, protested the award on the ground that their own bid had been lower on pianos of equal quality. The board of control thereupon passed the buck to the board of higher education who this week returned the compliment and passed it back to the board of control. Now the 11 pianos are right back where they were three months ago—in the lap of the board of control which is again inviting bids on the deal.

G. T. Want Ads bring results.

## Oysters and Shell Fish

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Marine delicacies lend zest to our menus.

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A Good Meal Anytime

at the

Elkhorn Restaurant

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## The Forgotten Crop

Look at the young people around you - perhaps there is one or two in your family! Listen to their experiences in trying to find work! Multiply these young men and women you know by hundreds and you have our FORGOTTEN CROP! Have we nursed this crop through its educational years only to NOW PREVENT its bearing fine fruits? All these young people ask is the OPPORTUNITY to WORK in the Columbia Empire. Think this over! Are you buying products that provide OPPORTUNITY for someone else's "crop"; or will your purchases provide jobs here in the industries of the Columbia Empire? It's time we planned WORK for our FORGOTTEN CROP!



Ask: IS IT PRODUCED IN THE COLUMBIA EMPIRE?