

# STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem—Retirement pay for Oregon teachers, pensions for firemen and civil service for state employees—these are some of the new developments cropping up in the legislature during the past week.

The proposal to provide retirement pay for superannuated or incapacitated teachers springs from the Oregon state teachers' association and is sponsored before the legislature by Senator Kenin of Multnomah county. It provides for the arbitrary retirement of all public school teachers upon attaining the age of 65 years upon a pension to be supported in part by a state subsidy and in part by an assessment of four per cent upon the salaries of the teachers themselves. Retirement at an early age because of disability and upon a proportionately smaller pension is also provided for in the bill.

The firemen's pension bill which proposes to levy a tax of three per cent upon all fire insurance premiums promises to become the center of strenuous opposition with much of the support for the measure emanating from Multnomah county, whose paid firemen would be the principal beneficiaries of such a pension. Insurance companies opposing the bill point out that it would levy the tax upon all fire insurance premiums including those covering rural properties where no fire protection is provided.

The state employees civil service bill, sponsored by a group of senators and representatives, would include most state employees. Exempted from its provisions would be elected officials, appointees whose offices are created by the constitution, certain department and institution heads and members of the state police.

Truck operators said to be antagonistic to the present public utilities commissioner are understood to be back of a proposal to change the status of the utilities department from its present one-man commission to a three-man commission. Appointment of the three commissioners would be vested in the governor. Whereas the present commissioner receives an annual salary of \$7200 the combined salaries of the three commissioners under the new proposal would be \$18,000.

Recommended by both Governor Martin and Governor Sprague a proposal to abolish the Child Welfare commission and transfer its functions to the State Relief committee is now receiving the attention of the legislative ways and means committee. At a hearing in Salem Friday afternoon attended by a large representation of social workers no opposition was voiced to the proposal. Neither was there any support for the move which, it is estimated, would result in a saving in administrative costs of approximately \$15,000 a year.

Reports that the legislative session is lagging behind in its work are without foundation in fact. An analysis of the situation at the close of the session Friday afternoon, marking the 20th day of the session, revealed that more bills had been introduced and a larger percentage of those introduced had been passed than was the case two years ago.

Senator Kenin has proposed that the state provide Governor Sprague with an automobile of a make suitable to the dignity of his office, with a uniformed chauffeur to be provided from the ranks of the state police. In the past no automobile has been provided by the state for any of its elective officials although a Board of Control car has always been at the disposal of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer until this convenience was disposed of by order of Governor Meier.

A group of legislators including Representatives Fuhrer of Marion, Hill of Lane, Riddle of Douglas and Senators McKay of Marion and Steiwer of Wheeler are sponsoring a constitutional amendment paving the

way for establishing of tax supervision and conservation commissions in all the counties of the state. If approved by the House and Senate the proposed amendment will be on the general election ballot in 1940 for action by the voters.

Word from Washington, D. C., Saturday that the Social Security Board had certified Oregon's unemployment compensation act lifted a load of anxiety from the shoulders of state officials who have been considerably worried over the fate of that set-up ever since organized labor attacked it on the ground that the recently enacted "picketing regulation" act invalidated the jobless insurance law. Certification of the act by the federal board followed receipt of amendments written into the Oregon act early last week by the legislature in an effort to make the state unemployment compensation act conform to the federal act.

Three public hearings on controversial bills before the legislators attracted capacity crowds. One of these was on a bill to abolish the state bakery board, another revolved around a proposal to abolish the milk control board and the other centered on the Chapman bill to outlaw the closed shop. Scores of interested persons were turned away from each of these hearings emphasizing the need for a larger room in which to conduct these meetings.

The Capitol Reconstruction commission is to be allowed to die a natural death. A measure now being drafted by Senator Ronald Jones will provide for the orderly liquidation of the board's affairs just as soon as its job is completed, probably in July or August. The new library building was turned over to the state by the contractor Monday but the new heating plant is yet to be completed and the granite statues which will guard the entrance to the capitol building will not be placed until some time this summer.

The Oregon Fairs association, including representatives of all county fairs, the state fair, Pacific International and Eastern Oregon Livestock show, is vigorously opposing the proposal made by Governor Sprague that the state's "take" from pari-mutuel betting be placed in the general fund and the several fairs be placed on an appropriation basis.

A measure sponsored by Representative Giles French of Sherman county would authorize the state tax commission to use any surplus fund accruing from income taxes in offsetting the property levy for support of the elementary schools.

Representatives of the League of Oregon Cities, including Mayor H. W. Hand of Corvallis and Charles Huggins of Marshfield, attending the legislative session in an effort to secure a share of gasoline funds for city streets, deny that their proposal involves any "diversion" of highway funds. Instead, they explain, they only seek a "reallocation" of highway funds so that the cities may receive a portion of this revenue for use on their streets.

A number of salary increase bills have made their appearance at this session. One would increase the salary of the labor commissioner from \$3600 to \$5000 a year, another would authorize the state treasurer to fix the salary of his chief deputy and still another would "up" the salary of the state parole officer to \$5000 a year.

Four persons pleaded guilty to charges of falsification of claims for gasoline tax refunds between December 21 and January 12 in this state. The convictions were obtained in Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill and Jackson counties. All claims are closely watched by the gasoline tax refund division for fraudulent statements and detection of falsification will lead to immediate prosecution.

Oregon's traffic death rate of 12.8 fatalities for every 100 million miles traveled during 1938 was the lowest for 13 years, the period for which records are available, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell. The highest rate, 16.7 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles, was recorded in 1934, while the previous low mark of 13.3 was established in 1932.

## HARDMAN NEWS

### Hardman Men Stop Mining Work

By Hardman High School

On Wednesday, Bernard and Buster Bleakman, E. S. McDaniel and Shorty Safford came home from the mine in which Hardman people are interested. It is too cold now to operate the machinery, for on the morning they left Galena, on the middle fork of the John Day, a team of horses walked across the river on the ice.

Glen McCutcheon was given a surprise birthday dinner at the high school Tuesday. The high school students have a dinner together once a month.

On Wednesday evening of last week several people from here went to Heppner to be baptized at the Christian church. Those baptized were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robinson, Neal Knighten, Mrs. Muriel McCutcheon and Glen. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moon, Mrs. Knighten, Miss Anna O'Sander, Miss Frances Inskeep, Marvin Saddler and Les Brannon.

On Friday afternoon the grade school pupils gave Adeline Byer a birthday party.

Henry Graham visited in Hardman Sunday and Monday.

Bud Cannon, Forrest Adams and Robert Taylor went to Pendleton Saturday.

Business visitors in Heppner Saturday were Max Buschke, G. I. Clary, Pad Howell and Pete Hams. Miss Althea Stoneman, county nurse, was in Hardman Saturday making arrangements for the clinic to be held Tuesday.

New buildings in Hardman which have been constructed recently are a garage built by Frank McDaniel and an insulated chicken house by Dick Steers.

On Thursday evening the I. O. O. F. lodge attended a special service held by Rev. Moon. The attendance was very good.

Foster Collins is seriously ill at his home at Camas prairie.

Donald Robinson came in from the ranch Friday and attended the smoker and President's ball at Heppner Saturday night. Creston Robinson, Marvin Saddler, Tommy Graham, Pete Hams, Lawrence Williams, Donald Robinson, Burt Burnside, Irl Clary, Buster Bleakman, Herbert McDaniel, Dallas Craber, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hams and Charlie Johnson also went to Heppner, all attending the smoker and some the dance.

Miss Ana O'Sander gave a talk on Sweden at the high school at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. She also sang and talked in Swedish. The students asked questions and learned much of the customs and history of Sweden.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kinnard McDaniel Sunday.

Those ill during the past week were Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. J. H. Allen, Mrs. Marvin Brannon and Mrs. Lewis Batty.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robinson and Dorris, Claude Hastings, Mrs. Carl Leathers and Jean, and Vera McDaniel attended the show in Heppner Saturday night.

The Christian Endeavor met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Knighten at 5:30 Monday evening. The time was spent playing games and eating chili, pie, cookies and jello. At 7:30 they all adjourned to the church.

### Morrow Has No Highway Death, 1938

Clackamas, Lincoln, Deschutes and Wallowa counties ended the year of 1938 with greater improvement in their traffic records than any other Oregon counties in similar population groups, Secretary of State Earl Snell announced this week.

Deschutes county boasted the most impressive record for the year, having stood at the top of the eight counties in Group III for every month of last year. Lincoln county registered the most impressive reduction in highway deaths, cutting its total from 13 in 1937 to only three last year.

Morrow county stood in fourth place among the state's Group IV counties at the end of 1938, on the

basis of improvement over the previous year in traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities. Last year this county ranked fifth.

Eleven Oregon counties registered reductions in all three departments, while not a single county recorded a triple increase. This fact is reflected in 13 per cent decreases in accidents and injuries for the state as a whole, while traffic deaths fell nearly 10 per cent.

Wheeler county won attention for chalking up its second consecutive year without a traffic death, the first time this feat has been accomplished in years. Crook, Harney and Morrow counties were also without deaths during 1938.

Connie Elliott, Arlene Bloomgren, Betty Kay, Arlene Sportsman and Logan Forster were the five winners in Sweet Home high school's traffic safety contest who won a trip to Salem and a tour of the new capitol building conducted by Secretary of State Earl Snell.

G. T. Want Ads bring results

### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of Sarah Brown, deceased, has filed with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, his Final Account of his administration of said estate, and that said Court has set Monday, the 6th day of March, 1939, at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M. in the forenoon of said day at the County Court room at the Court House at Heppner, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and the settlement of said Estate, and all persons having objections to said Final Account or the settlement of said estate are hereby required to file the same with said Court on or before the time set for said hearing. Dated and first published this 2nd day of February, 1939.

ORVE BROWN, Administrator.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned was duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow county administrator of the estate of R. H. Lane, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers duly verified to said administrator at the law office of Jos. J. Nys, at Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated and first published this 26th day of January, 1939.

R. F. PHILLIPS, Administrator.

### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Emil Lundell, deceased, has filed his final account of his administration of said estate with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, and that said court has set Monday, the 6th day of March, 1939, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the County Court room at the Court House at Heppner, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate, and all persons having objections thereto are hereby required to file the same with said court on or before the time set for said hearing. Dated and first published this 26th day of January, 1939.

E. R. LUNDELL, Administrator.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, Administrator of the Estate of Phebe Palmateer, Deceased, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers, duly certified as required by law, to me at the office of my attorney, Frank C. Alfred, in the First National Bank Building, Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Dated and first published this 19th day of January, 1939.

Date of last publication, February 16, 1939.

ALBERT F. PALMATEER, Administrator of the Estate of Phebe Palmateer, Deceased.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

By virtue of an Order of the County Court, dated January 10, 1939, I am authorized and directed to advertise and sell at public auction, at not less than the minimum price herein set forth after each parcel or tract:

Original Town of Heppner; minimum price \$15.00, cash. East half of Block 3, Sperry's 3rd Addition to Ione; minimum price \$101.00; 20% down balance on payment plan, if desired. Therefore, I will on the 4th day of February, 1939, at the hour of 2:00 p. m., at the front door of the Court House in Heppner, Oregon, sell said property to the highest bidder.

C. J. D. BAUMAN, Sheriff, Morrow County, Oregon.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Department of the Interior, General Land Office, January 10, 1939.

NOTICE is hereby given that Foster T. Collins, of Hardman, Oregon, who, on November 14, 1933, made Original Homestead Entry, Act 12-29-16, No. 027391, for the E 1/2 SW 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 10, and the N 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 15, Township 6 S., Range 25 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Jos. J. Nys, Notary Public, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 27th day of February, 1939.

Claimant names at witnesses: R. I. Thompson, of Heppner, Oregon. John Holton, of Heppner, Oregon. James Burnside, of Hardman, Oregon. Elsie Madden, of Lone Rock, Oregon. W. F. JACKSON, Register.

## Want Ads

Nash for sale or trade for cattle, good condition. W. H. French, Hardman. 47tf

1000 tamarack posts, made from butts of trees, for sale or trade for cattle. W. H. French, Hardman. 47tf

For rent, furnished room with kitchenette; outside entrance. Phone 743. 47

Will care for piano for use. Miss Marjorie Parker, city.

Party wants ride to Seattle sometime this month. L. V.

Stallion for sale, 5-yr old; also Shetland ponies. Joe Kenny, city. 46tf

I repair telephones. W. L. McCaleb, 9 Chase St., city. 46-49p

Beardless barley seed for sale. Guy Huston, Eight Mile, Ore. 46-47p

Order your Baby Chicks now; blood tested, light or heavy breeds; also Bronze or Narangansett poults. Custom hatching. Prices right. Sudarth Hatchery, Irrigon, Oregon.

Cash buyers of all kinds of livestock. Heppner-Hermiston Livestock and Poultry, Jack Osier, Heppner, Phone Res. 11F5, office 302. 45-50p

10-ft. Oliver used disc plow. Beach Equipment Co., Lexington. 45-47

For Sale—50 x 150 ft., good location for residence. A. J. Westhoff.

Vacant—3 rooms and bath, furnished; sun porch; reasonable. Bonnie Cochran.

Don't throw away anything that can be welded until I see it. W. F. "Bill" Harlow, Heppner Blacksmith and Machinery Shop. 40tf.

Good 6-room house for sale, partly furnished, \$600. See J. O. Turner.

Gasoline, diesel and stove oil storage tanks. A stock in Pendleton at Portland prices; terms. Beall Pipe and Tank Corp., 1411 Raley St., Pendleton, Phone 1274W. 7tf

Briquets for sale at Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co.

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