

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

By A. L. LINDBECK

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Rumors and speculation of the past two weeks as to possible candidates for state treasurer in the forthcoming campaign materialized into at least one definite announcement when Earl Hill, Cushman merchant, let it be known that he is in the race for the Republican nomination.

With the ice thus broken it is expected that other "possibilities" will soon make public their intentions toward this particular office. Fred Paulos, deputy state treasurer, is still considering the possibility of entering the race but indications are that he will forego a chance at the higher honor to remain at the post which he has so ably filled for the last 14 years. P. J. Stadelman of The Dalles is also regarded as definitely out of the picture so far as the treasury race is concerned as also is Dean Walker of Polk county. Stadelman will probably yield to the demand of his friends in Wasco and Hood River counties and become a candidate for re-election to the state senate while Walker, a hold-over senator, is expected to concentrate his energies on the race for the senate presidency to which he is generally regarded as the logical heir by reason of his long experience and demonstrated ability. Floyd Cook of Portland who was in Salem during the week insisted that he was still flirting with the idea of trying for the treasuryship but it is believed to be a good guess right at this stage of the race that he will not enter, while Lowell Paget, another prospective candidate for Pearson's job will probably decide to try conclusions with Ralph Cake in the race for Republican national committeeman.

All of which would appear to leave Hill a fairly clear field unless and until some new aspirants appear on the political horizon. Hill, incidentally, is by no means a stranger in the Oregon political arena, having served four terms in the state legislature as representative from Lane county. He is 49 years of age and has been engaged in the mercantile business at Cushman since 1910.

Members of the state tax commission report an unusually brisk business in tax collections for so early in the year. Although the deadline on payment of 1940 income taxes is still six weeks in the future payments are pouring in at the rate of more than \$20,000 a day. Collections so far have almost doubled those for the same period last year.

Elections in proposed peoples utility districts are somewhat complicated by the fact that the district lines often include territory in more than one county and by the further fact that district lines do not follow voting precinct lines, according to State Engineer Stricklin. Stricklin pointed out that only those persons who reside in a proposed district are eligible to vote at a PUD election.

State police made 372 arrests of motorists for drunken driving during 1939, according to the annual report of State Police Traffic Superintendent Chas. P. Pray. Arrests by state police for all law violations during the year totalled 10,907 while 103,906 other offending motorists were released with warnings. Fines imposed against motorists haled into court by the state police aggregated \$84,047 with jail sentences aggregating 23,070 days.

Governor Sprague came near being an unwilling passenger on the Southern Pacific "Cascade" Saturday morning. Oregon's chief executive had just entered the drawing room occupied by Governor Olson of California to greet the visiting dignitary on his way to fill a speaking engagement in Portland when the train started. The governor made a dash for the exit but the train had travelled a full two blocks be-

fore it was brought to a stop to permit Oregon's governor to alight. It was indeed a case of "hello and good-bye."

Nothing daunted by President Roosevelt's refusal to indicate his attitude toward a third term the Oregon Commonwealth Federation this week filed nominating petitions with Secretary of State Snell insuring Roosevelt's name a place on the Democratic primary ballot next May unless the president in the meantime intervenes to withdraw the filing. The petitions which were filed by David Epps, president, and Monroe Sweetland, secretary of the Federation, contained 1200 signatures secured in seven Oregon counties.

Jobless insurance paid to unemployed Oregon workers during 1939 aggregated only \$3,554,535, or only slightly more than half the amount paid out for unemployment compensation in Oregon during 1938, according to a report by the Unemployment Compensation Commission. Indicative of the substantial gain in industrial activity in this state lumber and logging workers drew only \$978,378 in benefits during 1939 as compared to \$2,347,467 in 1938.

The federal comptroller has taken a \$289.75 gasoline tax refund out of the hide of the eastern Oregon public lands counties. When Governor Sprague at the conclusion of the last legislative session vetoed a bill providing for the refund the comptroller merely withheld the amount from a check which he sent to State Treasurer Pearson in payment of Oregon's share of grazing fees under the Taylor Grazing act. Pearson protested against the comptroller's high handed act and sent the check, with the protest, back through United States senator McNary. This week McNary returned the check to Pearson with the information that Oregon's only recourse is through the courts, a recourse that would probably cost the state more than is involved in the controversy. State officials question the validity of the federal claim inasmuch as the gasoline tax was paid on gasoline going into privately owned automobiles owned and operated by federal employees who were being reimbursed on a mileage basis. Pearson protested the deduction from the grazing fee check on the ground that there was no connection between the grazing fund and the gasoline tax fund.

Electrical energy consumed in lighting the state capitol and the new library building and operating the two elevators costs the state nearly \$1000 a month. The total "juice" bill for these two buildings for 1939 was \$11,437.54, it was revealed this week. The electric bill for the new capitol alone exceeded \$600 a month during the summer months immediately following the opening of the building and until the wattage in the hundreds of lights in the building were reduced from 500 as specified by the architects to 300 which is now found to be entirely adequate.

The state emergency board is expected to meet within the next two weeks to consider an appropriation to finance the Oregon exhibit at the Golden Gate exposition this year. Tentative estimates prepared by the state budget department provide for an appropriation of \$10,000 out of the emergency fund with the state highway department making up the necessary balance out of its travel promotion fund.

I. H. Van Winkle has announced his determination to seek another term as attorney general. So far no other Republican candidate has appeared, Ralph Moody who was mentioned in this connection having denied any ambition in that direction.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers of Grants Pass were Lexington and Blackhorse visitors Monday. At Lexington they visited Mrs. Rogers' brother, Ralph Scott, and family, and on Blackhorse they were guests of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Needham,

and cousin, Oral Scott.
D. S. Barlow, veteran Eight Mile farmer, spent a few hours in Heppner Tuesday on business.

HARDMAN NEWS

Hardman Treated to Shifty Weather

By HARDMAN HIGH SCHOOL

The weather this last week was rather warm for the first few days, but it snowed almost steadily during the latter part of the week, and would have covered the ground with snow if the wind had not blown most of it away. The winds blew fiercely for days. At this writing the bright sunshine and blue skies indicate that spring should soon be here. The mud is at its worst, and Feather-Bed Lane—the road leading westward from town—is one to be avoided. The thermometer dropped decidedly on Monday night, and Tuesday morning was one of the coldest in weeks.

There will be a program in the near future given by the five 4-H clubs with the assistance of the Christian Endeavor and the Rebekahs. The date has not been set definitely but will be decided as soon as the Odd Fellows have arranged for their next dance.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayden and Marion returned from a month's trip to various places. While they were away Mr. Hayden consulted a doctor about his health. They report that most places are enjoying beautiful spring weather and that they saw their first snow when they were almost home.

The skiing party on Sunday was smaller than formerly but the skiing was much better. All of the men were more interested in hunting than skiing, however, for there were many signs of coyote all thru that region. Members of the party saw deer and a bob cat.

Each room of the grade school had a Valentine party on Wednesday. Besides the Valentine box, there were treats, prizes and games. Mrs. Sam McDaniel, Jr., and Mrs. Owen Leathers were visitors.

Archdeacon Eric Robathan of Pendleton held services in the church on Sunday. There was a good congregation present. He will come next time on March 31.

Those sick during the last week were Charlie McDaniel, Alene Inskeep and Carol Buschke.

Mrs. Sam McDaniel, Jr., went to the Clyde Wright ranch where she will cook for the hands during lambing.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Cannon were in town for a short time on Sunday.

Mrs. Marvin Brannon returned from the Terrel Benge ranch near Heppner where she and Mr. Brannon have been working since before Thanksgiving. Mr. Brannon plans to be there indefinitely.

Jack DeVore was visiting here this week and attending to the property left by his father, the late B. F. DeVore. On Monday morning J. E. Craber, John Stevens and A. D. Inskeep went to Heppner to appraise it.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rodgers of Kinzua arrived here Friday for a visit with Mrs. Rodgers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adams.

Leon Chapin returned home on Wednesday from Monument where he has been working for Capen brothers.

O. M. Clark of Hermiston visited at the Neal Knighten home on Friday of last week.

Charlie McDaniel has been confined to his home with tonsillitis and has missed several days of trapping.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lovgren and children of Eight Mile spent Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers.

Mrs. William Johnson, a former teacher of the grade school, who has been visiting at the Blaine Chapel ranch, visited the high school and other places in town on Monday.

Jim Brannon visited at the Brannon home here last week. He went on to Heppner to stay for a few days before returning to his home in Prineville.

Mr. Ely's notice: Sunday, Feb. 25, 11 a. m., theme, "Repentance." Evening, 7:30, theme, "The Two Witnesses," Rev. 11. The church with the open door. E. L. Ely, pastor.

Let G. T. Want Ads help you dispose of surplus stock.

Americanism Given Strong Emphasis

The Americanism program for 1940, adopted by the national executive committee of the American Legion auxiliary at its winter meeting, January 29 and 30, covers a wide field of patriotic activities, according to Mrs. Lera Crawford, Americanism chairman of the local auxiliary unit.

World conditions have given added importance to Americanism and increased emphasis is being placed upon it by the auxiliary's half million members, she said.

Activities in the 1940 program are: Study of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence by all individual members. Conducting "Get out the vote" campaigns.

Sponsoring adult educational activities, including citizenship schools, naturalization ceremonies, and providing well informed speakers to meet foreign propaganda before women's clubs, church groups, schools and colleges.

Sponsoring youth activities, including Boys' and Girls' States, Sons of the Legion and Junior Auxiliary, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs and Camp Fire Girls, oratorical and essay contests.

Aiding conservation work by planting memorial forests and individual memorial trees, with suitable markers.

Cooperation with the Legion in inspiring observance of patriotic holidays.

Teach proper respect for the American Flag and proper methods of displaying the flag.

Combating subversive influences seeking to undermine and destroy democracy in America.

SEED ORIGIN STRESSED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—The suggestion has been sent out by the government that seed growers of eastern Oregon mark their seeds, "Eastern Oregon origin," to distinguish the product from that of western Oregon. This marking will, it is said, have trade significance. Rep. Walter M. Pierce has written the growers in his district to begin using the phrase at once.

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