

## STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—The tempo of the primary campaign was stepped up considerably this past week.

Governor Sprague made his formal announcement as a candidate for re-election, asking for support on the strength of his record in office. Lowell Stockman of Pendleton made it certain that Walter M. Pierce, democratic incumbent, will have at least one opponent in the eastern Oregon congressional race this year, when he filed for the Republican nomination for that post. Three justices of the state supreme court whose terms are expiring—Percy R. Kelly, James T. Brand and Harry H. Belt—filed their formal declarations as candidates for re-election.

At the same time rumors of other candidacies for major offices flew thick and fast. Among these was a report that Walter Norblad of Astoria was giving serious consideration to a try for the office of secretary of state on the republican ticket and another rumor that Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle would like to move up a couple of flights to a supreme court job, which he promptly spiked as unfounded.

Tobacco dealers who paid taxes on cigarettes which were not sold to consumers during the period the state was enforcing the cigarette tax act will get their money back. Attorney General Van Winkle has advised the state tax commission that dealers are entitled to a refund of any taxes paid in excess of the amount collected from consumers. The opinion, however, did not shed any light on what the commission is to do with the taxes paid by smokers and passed on by the dealers to the state.

More than 110,000 Oregon citizens

have volunteered their services in the civilian defense program, according to figures compiled by Defense Coordinator Jerrold Owen from reports of county coordinators. Of this number more than 64,000 have already been assigned to definite tasks. Air raid wardens compose the largest group in the civilian defense program with nearly 23,000 men and women already assigned to this duty. Of more than 20,000 signing up for service as auxiliary police more than 10,000 are now on active duty.

Governor Sprague has addressed letters to members of the Oregon delegation in congress urging that they oppose attempts now under way to federalize the unemployment compensation system. The proposal, the governor pointed out, would remove this activity from local control and centralize it in the hands of Washington bureaucrats. The governor said that the chief executives of 47 states were opposing the move.

The state board of control has given its tentative approval to state participation in the construction of an armory at Baker. The program involves the remodeling of a building formerly used as a natatorium with the state contributing \$25,000 toward the cost of the improvement. The plan has the approval of the general staff of the Oregon national guard, according to Colonel Elmer V. Wooten, acting adjutant general who told the board that at the present time the state has no armory east of the Cascade mountains although several cities in that section have supported guard units for years.

George K. Aiken, Ontario newspaperman, will come to Salem March 1 as executive secretary to Governor Charles A. Sprague and director of the state budget. The Ontario editor should feel right at home as a member of the governor's "kitchen cabinet" whose personnel includes two other newspapermen. C. N. Ryerson, member of the industrial accident commission, who is seen in frequent conferences with the governor these pre-primary days, was editor of the Oregon Labor Press before taking on his state job and Jerrold Owen, state coordinator of civilian defense, was a former Portland newspaper

man and is now editor and publisher of the Oregon Legionnaire.

While Aiken may not know a great deal about budget making on the state scale yet, his canny Scotch shrewdness is counted on strongly in keeping the state purse safe from unjustified raids. While the selection of Aiken for this highly important post may not have been entirely political Aiken's presence as a member of the governor's staff should be good for a sizeable block of eastern Oregon votes in his race against Secretary of State Earl Snell who comes from east of the Cascades.

Residents of Oregon's smaller cities as well as those living in rural areas were overlooked by the national office of civilian defense in their allocation of gas masks and fire fighting equipment for the Pacific coast area. According to information received this week by Defense Coordinator Jerrold Owen this defense equipment is to be supplied only to cities of 10,000 population or more. In Oregon that includes Portland, Salem, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Astoria, Bend and Medford. Owen says that he is receiving numerous protests against this slight from officials of the smaller cities where the need, especially for fire fighting equipment, is said to be much greater than in the larger cities which are already fairly well prepared to cope with the emergency.

Collections totalling \$2,228,366 for the last quarter of 1941 have boosted the unemployment compensation trust fund to a new all-time high level of more than \$18,300,000, it was reported by the unemployment compensation commission this week.

Organization of three additional units of the State Guard at Eugene, Astoria and Tillamook have been authorized by Governor Sprague. Rifles, ammunition and uniforms will be supplied from the state armory as soon as the units are organized. The governor said the state was being surveyed with a view to the organization of still other guard units in the near future. Some of these will probably be located in eastern Oregon, it was said.

There is no immediate prospect of any mass evacuation of Oregon citizens because of the war emergency. Ross McIntyre, chairman of the evacuation committee of the state defense council, declared following a conference with Governor Sprague here this week. McIntyre explained, however, that if the emergency should require evacuation plans have already been made for taking care of the situation.

Approximately 75,000 Oregon men between the ages of 20 and 44 registered for possible military service, this week, according to an estimate by Colonel Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. These registrants were in addition to those listed in two previous registrations.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF ANIMAL**  
Notice is hereby given by virtue of the laws of the State of Oregon that I have taken up the within described animal at my place 3 miles below Rugg's on Rhea creek, and I will, on Saturday, February 14, 1942, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at said place, sell said animal to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to the right of redemption of the owner thereof. Said animal is described as follows:

1 black stag Poland China hog, no visible marks or brands, weight about 350 pounds.

EARL McKINNEY,  
Heppner, Oregon.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of Jefferson Evans, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Jefferson Evans, deceased, by an order of the above entitled court.

All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present the same to me at Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, or to my attorney Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

All claims must be verified as by law required.  
Dated at Heppner, Oregon, this

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of M. J. Devin, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Morrow, and has accepted such trust. All persons having claims against the estate of M. J. Devin are requested to file the same with the executrix at the office of J. O. Turner in Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Date of first publication January 29, 1942.

DESSA HOFSTETTER,  
Executrix.

### 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 Oscar Davis, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers duly verified to the said Administrator at the law office of Frank W. King, Platt Building, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 19th day of February, 1942.

HOMER LEE DAVIS,  
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 Emmett L. Ayers, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers duly verified to the said Administrator at the law office of P. W. Mahoney, Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 12th day of February, 1942.

PIRL L. HOWELL,  
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### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of William T. Reynolds deceased, has filed with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, his final account of his administration of the estate of said deceased, and that said court has fixed Monday, the 9th day of March, 1942, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time 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 5th day of February, 1942.

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