OREGON NEWS ROUNDUP . . .

Governor, Board Mull Putnam Replacement

SALEM (AP) — The governor' office said that Gov. Mark O. Hatfield and the state Board of Education today discussed qualifications and names for superintendent of public instruction.

"They were in agreement that the statutory salary is below that received by a number of the city superintendents and is a great hindrance in attracting an experienced individual to be a leader of elementary and secondary education for the entire state," the statement said.

Rex Putnam recently submitted his resignation as superintendent of public instruction. Hatfield will appoint a successor, who will serve until the 1962 general election.

The post pays $11,500 annually.

Hatfield in his reorganization proposal has recommended that the office be made appointive.

Freezes To Death

PRINEVILLE, Ore. (AP) — Sheriff Tex King said Tuesday that rancher Ben Smith apparently froze to death in near zero weather.

The body of the man, about 70, was found alongside a road 15 miles east of here, only a quarter-mile from his home.

Truck driver Dick Mayfield of Prineville, who made the find, said there were two rifles alongside the body.

Smith had set out Monday to sell the rifles, the sheriff said.

Girls Set Fire

PORTLAND (AP) — Firemen said two little girls playing with matches accidentally set fire to their home at 3917 NE 10th Ave. Tuesday.

It happened while their parents, Mrs. and Mrs. John Linear, were at work.

Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Loos, saw the blaze and saved the Linear sisters, Debbie Rae, 6, and Beth Ann, 8.

Loos used a garden hose to spray water on the flames and he had them almost out by the time firemen arrived. The blaze was confined to the kitchen area.

Claims Property

SALEM (AP) — The office of Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton was preparing an order today to make the estate of Martin Pekarek the property of the state of Oregon.

Pekarek died in Czechoslovakia and left no heirs in the United States. He was a former resident of Portland.

The Multnomah County Circuit Court ruled that the Czechoslovakian heirs of Pekarek cannot inherit his United States property worth about $7,500. This is because there are no reciprocal rights of inheritance between the United States and Czechoslovakia.

The common school fund will get the estate.

Has No Office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oregon's new congressman, Republican Edwin R. Durno of Medford, was sworn in Tuesday but still has no office to work in.

Painters and other workmen are busy on it. He said everything probably would be ready early next week.

Mrs. Durno was on hand to see him sworn in.

The new representative wants to be named to either the Public Works or the Interior committee.

Oregon's other three congressmen — all veterans — resumed work Tuesday at their old stands.

Republican Rep. Walter Norblad, now in his eighth term, is the dean of the Oregon group.

Democratic Rep. Edith Green is serving her fourth term and Rep. Al Ullman, also a Democrat, is in his third.

Assemble Bridge

PORTLAND (AP) — A 300-foot-long steel bridge is being put together here 45 miles from the river it will span.

It will go across the Cowlitz River at the new Oceanbeach Highway crossing near Longview and Kelso, Wash., but is being constructed here.

After construction, it will be taken apart in three sections, put on a barge and moved down the Columbia River to the Cowlitz, where the sections will be hoisted into place.

Consider Claim

PORTLAND (AP) — The Morrison-Knudsen Company's contention that it should not be held liable in the drowning of a worker at the Brownlee Dam site has been taken under consideration by the 9th U.S. Court of Appeals.

A lower court held that the construction firm was liable under the federal compensation act.

However, the firm claims in its new action that its employe, Richard B. Fmig, died in Idaho jurisdiction rather than on navigable waters of the United States.

Morrison-Knudsen said compensation payments should be under Idaho's workmen's compensation act.

CHARGE LYING

MOSCOW (AP)—Izvestia represented the Eisenhower administration Tuesday night as deliberately lying about Communist intervention in Laos.

The government newspaper said word that Communist forces had invaded Laos was a Washington invention "so false and clumsy that America's allies, especially Britain, refuse to support it."

Restrictions Are Dropped

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Department of Agriculture was advised Tuesday that California has removed all import restrictions on Oregon cattle.

This meant California has accepted results of a recently completed survey.

The survey was made by Dr. L. E. Bodenweister and Dr. A. G. Beagle, state and federal veterinarians in Oregon.

This is the first time in nearly a year that all Oregon cattle may enter California without dipping or scab inspections.

The quarantine for scabies was imposed after scabies were found in a Baker county herd in January, 1960.

Civil Service Aid Offered Cities, Counties

SALEM (AP) — Establishment of a new operation to aid cities and counties who want to establish a civil service system for employes was announced Tuesday by the state Civil Service Commission.

Director Melvin H. Cleveland of the commission said the service was set up at the request of four counties and will continue as long as it is needed.

Cleveland said Eric L. Carlson, personnel officer of the state Tax Commission, has been loaned to the commission to head the program.

Under Oregon law, the service can be provided by the commission but the law requires that the local governments pay for it. Cleveland said no state funds can go into it.

Carlson was a member of the commission staff 4½ years prior to joining the tax commission staff.

Carlson said the need for the program grew out of the voter approval of civil service measures in Clackamas, Marion, Washington and Columbia counties. He said Polk County voters approved a similar measure but as yet has not asked for state help.

The counties asked the state to develop a complete civil service study that will include rules, a classification plan, and assistance in developing examinations.

The county laws passed Nov. 8 require that the plans be implemented by April 1.

Green Named

SALEM (AP) — Alan K. Green was named assistant public relations officer for the Oregon State Highway Department Tuesday. He replaces Peter G. Sukalac, who left to become information officer for the state public utility commissioner.

RECORD SHOCK

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Two earthquake shocks centered about 80-miles southeast of Berkeley, probably near Hollister, Calif., were recorded Tuesday by the University of California seismograph.

PRINTS GREETINGS

MOSCOW (UPI)—The exchange of New Year's greetings between Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and U.S. President-elect John F. Kennedy was printed Tuesday in the government newspaper Izvestia.

The messages were sandwiched between those to and from Yugoslav President Marshal Tito and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

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