

State Capitol NEWS

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(State Capitol News Bureau)

SALEM—One person out of every 20 in Oregon is feeding at the state trough, according to figures compiled by Wallace S. Wharton, state budget director. The state relief rolls account for 37,000 persons. 8,979 men and women are on the payrolls as employees and officials of the various state departments, bureau, boards, commissions and institutions, and 6,500 persons are being cared for at public expense in the several state institutions. These figures take no account of the thousands of other persons in

the state who are dependent upon other public payrolls—federal, county, city and school districts.

The state highway department with 3310 employees and a monthly payroll of \$384,023 is by far the largest of the state's activities, accounting for more than one-third of the total number of employees and nearly one-third of the state payroll. The state liquor commission employs 308 persons with a monthly payroll of \$53,435 and the secretary of state's department with 365 employees on its payroll pays out a total of \$39,000 a month.

Second only to the highway department in point of numbers and payroll is the board of education which has a total of 2200 men and women on its list at the five educational institutions drawing an aggregate of \$264,000 a month. Largest of the state institutions is the state hospital for insane at Salem which employs 272 persons at a total payroll of \$18,990 a month.

The state relief committee with 381 employees on its payroll pays out a total of \$40,362 a month and the 172 members of the state police force draw a total of \$26,476. The state department of agriculture employs 107 persons at \$14,254 a month and the industrial accident commission with 175 employees pays out \$24,088 in salaries each month.

Employees and payrolls of other state activities are listed as follows: Banking, 9at \$1846; board of correction, 2573; eastern Oregon hospital, 110 at \$7300; Fairview home, 110 at \$7083; fish commission, 78 at \$8200; forestry, 68 at \$10,070; game commission, 155 at \$15,000 insurance, 17 at \$2865; bureau of labor, 17 at \$2505; governor, 6 at \$1400; land board, 14 at \$2194; library, 26 at \$3118; military department, 21 at \$3225; milk control board, 17 at \$2262; penitentiary, 74 at \$7500; printing, 43 at \$7495; education, 10 at \$2023; public utilities, 151 at \$19,170; tuberculosis hospitals, 122 at \$7813; bonus commission, 63 at \$8407.

The state payroll for August totaled \$1,049,700, an increase of nearly \$25,000 over July and \$105,000 higher than June. The average monthly pay of state employees is \$117 but this does not include board and room which is provided employees of the various state institutions.

Crook and Wallowa were the only counties in Oregon which did not show an increase in traffic accidents during the first six months of the current year, according to statistics compiled by Secretary of State Snell. Curry county reported the greatest ratio of increase at 534 percent.

Oregon courts are beginning to crack down a little harder on traffic law violators. With 153 revocations and suspensions imposed by courts during July a new all-time high record was reached, according to Secretary of State Snell. For the seven months to August a total of 465 operators had their licenses re-

voked upon conviction of drunken driving.

SALEM—Now that it seems to be pretty definitely settled that Governor Martin will seek a second term interest in Oregon politics naturally shifts from that quarter to a speculation on his possible opponents, both in the primary and general election. For while the governor himself has not yet openly declared his intentions the announcement that he will run has come from a source too close to the administration to be ignored. Further more the governor's changed attitude toward a number of controversial issues can be taken as straws pointing in the general direction of another term.

It being generally admitted that the governor's most difficult hurdle lies in the Democratic primaries the question arises as to who will be the standard-bearer of the anti-administration Democrats in the pending battle. Will it be Howard Latourette of Multnomah county, present Democratic national committeeman, or J. F. Hosch of Desmitteeman and former Speaker of chutes county or some dark horse not yet mentioned in that connection. Both Latourette and Hosch are known to be not only willing but anxious to replace Martin in the executive office. Friends of Hosch have been especially busy the past few weeks grooming him for the race and it is said that he would be acceptable to organized labor, the Townsendites, the Grangers and other large groups whose support Martin is supposed to have alienated through his antagonistic attitude earlier in his administration.

While few Republicans can be found who are anxious to try conclusions with Martin in the general election there are a number who are known to be ambitious to sit in the seats of the mighty and who are carefully considering the possibility that Martin may not make the grade in the Democratic primary. So far, however, no one has found the courage to come out into the open with a public declaration and that field is still fertile ground for speculation. Will the Republican candidate be ex-treasurer Holman who failed of his goal four years ago only through a last minute consolidation of his opposition within his own party; or Secretary of State Snell who was prominently mentioned for the position of party leader four years ago and is still regarded by many as the party's best bet for the governorship; or Dean Walker of Polk county who distinguished himself as chairman of the senate ways and means committee in the last two legislative sessions; or some one of the dozen or more other possibilities who are said to be weighing their chances very seriously as the zero hour for the primary campaign approaches.

All of which, of course, leaves the entire situation still very much unsettled but provides a few morsels of political gossip on which to chew until more substantial material is provided by positive declarations when the candidates begin to commit themselves.

C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, left last week for La Grande where this week he took over his new job as president of the eastern Oregon normal school. Rex Putman, city superintendent of schools at Albany, took over as Howard's successor as head of the state school system here Wednesday.

Rate reductions negotiated by the public utilities commission are saving Oregon utility patrons \$715,881 a year according to N. G. Wallace, utilities commissioner. Wallace indicated that even greater rate reductions are in store for the near future. Rate reductions negotiated by the commission during the past two years include power, \$503,621; telephone and telegraph, \$128,918; steam heating, \$46,962; gas, \$36,400.

ADRIAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holly from La Salle, Ill., have been visitors in the John Holly home for the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McConnell of Jerome, Idaho were visitors in the Charles McConnell home Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wey Hewitt moved to New Bridge, Oregon, where Mr. Hewitt will teach school. Mr. Hewitt is the former teacher of Adrian grade school. Mr. C. M. Doty moved their furniture for them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Differ and family had dinner with J. H. Cawdry in Wilder Sunday.

The Malheur County Women's Camp had a picnic in Ontario Sunday. This was also to exchange photographs they took at Payette Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry enjoyed a Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Greeling.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Points of Burns, Oregon is visiting in the Webster home.

Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Heldt and family from Adrian and P. J. Cahill and J. Simpson enjoyed a picnic in the park at Payette Sunday. They also attended the ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doty made a business trip to Portland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McConnell visited relatives in Emmett and Montour, Idaho, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Holly went to Boise on Monday on a business trip.

Friends were surprised to hear that Faye Betts was married Sunday to Carl Plagg. The young couple will make their home in Moscow, Idaho, where they will run an ice cream stand.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nelson and daughter Betty brought Donna Ashcraft home Sunday. She has been their guest for the last week.

Adrian school bells will ring again September 6. Mack Portland will teach the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Curtis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Derrick.

John F. Enos returned from McDermitt, Nevada where he has been working.

Buddy Holly was a guest of Mrs. C. E. McCormick Monday.

IRONSIDE NEWS
By MRS. E. J. BEAM

Those attending the Pioneer Day Reunion in Vale on Friday were Arthur Van Buren and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lacey, Joseph Allison, the E. J. Beams, Barbara Jean Beam, Vivian Van Cleave and children.

Mrs. Bertha Houser of Haines accompanied by Mrs. Laura Houser of Portland were week end guests at the home of the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Elms and her sister Mrs. Floyd White.

George White of Richland has been a guest of his son Floyd White and family.

Mrs. Wiles Whited and daughters of Unity visited at the Floyd White home on Sunday.

Mrs. Herman Rose and son Dale of Vale have been guests at the S. Rose home.

Andy Lofton of Fox Valley is staying at the home of his sister Mrs. Bruce Lofton. He will attend school here this year.

Floyd White and son-in-law Kenneth Grabner motored to John Day on a business trip last Sunday.

Miss Mary Weir, mother and sister of Big Bend visited at the Elms

and White homes one day last week. Miss Adeline Fish accompanied them to their home for a few days visit.

Veral Prescott of Vale is a guest of her sister Mrs. Bruce Lofton. Mrs. Ralph Beam and son Edward of Unity were at the E. J. Beam home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Irene Nightingale of Big Bend spent most of last week visiting at the Elms and White home.

The Fred Laurance family have moved back to their ranch here after spending the summer at their Cow camp on the Malheur river.

The Ladies Club were entertained last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Orville Nichols with a large attendance. After business matters were disposed of a stork shower was given in honor of Mrs. Gordon Dickson who received many pretty gifts. Games and visiting were enjoyed and a delicious lunch closed the enjoyable afternoon.

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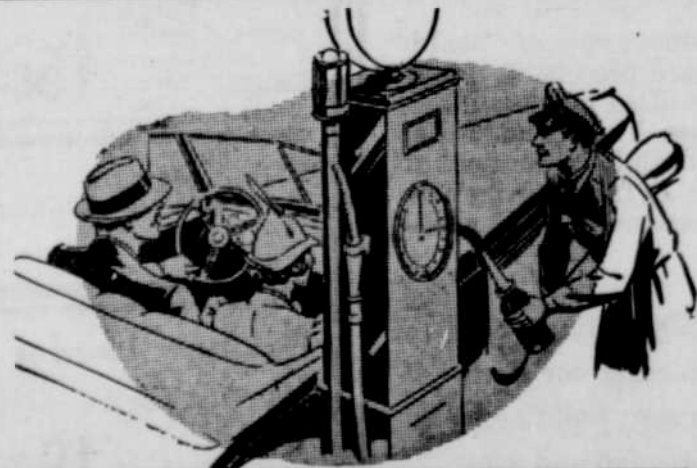
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