

State Capitol NEWS

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SALEM.—Apparently despairing of their efforts to persuade Dr. J. F. Hosh of Bend to enter the list as a candidate for governor, labor leaders are now said to be tempting Henry Hoss of La Grande with offers of support. As a member of the state senate from Union county, Hoss was always recognized as a staunch friend of labor and it is understood that he is giving the gubernatorial situation his serious consideration.

Dr. Hosh who for a time was

regarded as labor's best bet in the forthcoming campaign is understood to be lukewarm toward the idea of running for governor. Instead, he is said to be looking with a longing eye in the direction of the national capital and it would not be at all surprising to see him contest Walter M. Pierce of La Grande for the democratic nomination for Congress in the second district next spring. If he does not, he will content himself with another term in the state legislature where he will be a strong contender for the House Speakership, that is if the Democrats retain their control of that organization for another session.

In the meantime Howard Latour-ets of Portland is still to be reckoned with in any consideration of Democratic gubernatorial possibilities. As a former Speaker of the House of Representatives and present national committeeman Latourette wields an influence in Democratic circles that is not to be ignored in casting up the score of possibilities in the forthcoming primaries.

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W. L. Gosslin, secretary to Governor Martin, has recommended to the governor that a widespread program of reform in the state's law enforcement machinery be sponsored by the state administration. This proposed reform would include the consolidation of circuit court districts into larger units in order to eliminate some of the present judges and the creation of a Department of Justice for Oregon based upon the present federal system. Under this department the entire state would operate as a single unit in the supervision and enforce-

ment of criminal laws. The attorney general and all district attorneys would be appointed by the governor without respect to geographical location. The proposed reform, according to Gosslin, would not only result in greater efficiency in law enforcement personnel would be materially reduced.

A high light in state affairs this week was the induction of Rex Putnam into office as state superintendent of public instruction. Putnam who comes to the state department of education from Albany where he has served as city superintendent of schools for several years is the 11th individual to fill the position since its creation 85 years ago. Incidentally he is also the third democrat to hold the office, both of his Democratic predecessors like himself, attaining to the position through appointment.

Million dollar months have become the customary thing now in gasoline tax revenues. July was the third consecutive month during which the revenues from this source exceeded the million dollar mark, according to Secretary of State Snell. Incidentally July set a new all-time high mark in gasoline sales with 23,702,505 gallons of the motor fuel sold during the month on which the state tax amounted to \$1,185,125.

State affairs which, like most other activities, have been in the doldrums during the summer vacation period are back to normal again now that Labor Day has come and gone. The supreme court which started vacationing in mid-July got back on the job Tuesday when it tackled a heavy calendar of hearings and the board of control held its first meeting in some time Wednesday when it met with the Capitol Reconstruction commission to consider the size and type of the new state building to be erected on property now being acquired just north of the capitol site.

Announcement of the prices being paid by the Capitol Reconstruction commission, for property in Salem to be included in the enlarged capitol site has aroused a deal of comment, much of it flavored with criticism. Many persons familiar with property values in Salem feel that the prices being paid for the new state property is entirely too high, especially since the purchase in some instances amounts to approximately five times the assessed value on which the owner has been

paying taxes. Defenders of the commission's action justify the high prices on the ground that they are based on sentimental rather than intrinsic values.

The reference by Governor Martin to the "next governor" of Oregon, in a speech at Bend last week was interpreted by many as equivalent to reading himself out of the pictures as a contender for a second term. Supporters of the second term idea, however, counter with the suggestion that Martin if re-elected would be the "next governor" just as much as would any other candidate who might gain the favor of the electorate.

Victor Hassen of Portland is not one to put off until tomorrow that which can just as well be done today. Although it is still more than eight months until the primary election Hassen has already filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for state senator from Multnomah county. Probable figures that the early candidates get the plums, as it were. Hanson will champion the cause of licensed and legalized gambling to raise revenues so as to head off any further attempt to enact a sales tax.

Erenew B. Southwick who escaped from the Oregon State Prison 18 years ago will not be required to return and complete his sentence, the state parole board has ruled Southwick, now 38, was apprehended recently at Boise, Idaho, where he has lived for a number of years as a law-abiding citizen.

Hop growers of western Oregon suffered heavy losses this year because of inability to secure enough pickers to harvest their crop promptly, according to John Cooter, farm placement director. Between 2000 and 3000 more pickers could have found employment in the hop yards of Oregon this year, Cooter said. Cooter was unable to account for the shortage of labor inasmuch as no difficulty had been experienced in supplying labor for other seasonal crops.

OREGON TRAIL
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Oregon Trail school opened Tuesday morning September 7th with a nice enrollment. Miss Goldie Miller of Ontario is teaching the upper room and Mrs. Phyllis Hopkins the lower.

Wyatt Smith mowed the weeds and cleaned the school yard last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Atwood returned home Friday afternoon after a vacation trip to the coast via Astoria and Newport.

Miss Paye Mettlen and Miss Edna Warren were Sunday afternoon callers at the F. G. Holmes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. DeGroff and sons returned home Saturday evening from a week's vacation trip.

J. C. Simpson recently had his house painted.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vanvaalenburg and family who have been living in one of the F. G. Holmes' houses left the first of last week for Kansas where Mr. Vanvaalenburg has employment.

A number from this community

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Mr. and Mrs. Paula Braska of Lucas, Kansas arrived Saturday for a visit with their cousins the Wyatt and Archie Smith and Ewen and Marion Chard families and other friends here.

A. H. Keck, Ataigi and Hara are all busy harvesting onions.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fry left Friday for a vacation trip to The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chard, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Smith and W. A. Mettlen attended the sale at Meridian last Wednesday where they purchased calves.

Chas. Thomason took a load of 4-H club exhibits to the Ontario fair Friday afternoon. Dewey Thomason and Esau Ataigi stayed to care for the livestock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Holmes and family spent the week end at the Bill Toll home in Fruitland.

Miss Annie Holmes visited in Boise and Parma Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowen were Thursday evening callers at the Ewen Chard home.

Mrs. Reuben Haroldsen, Anne and Wayne are visiting at Idaho Falls.

Wyatt and Archie Smith are installing electric fences which they recently purchased from Clifford Fox.

Mrs. Terry Barnes gave a dinner Friday evening in honor of her house guest Mrs. Fred Morrison from Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell is visiting at the A. H. Keck home. The Mitchells have spent the summer in McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Currey spent the week end at the parental Kelly home in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Holmes of Modesto, California arrived Sunday evening at the home of their son F. G. Holmes for a visit with them and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chard and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Chard and family were Sunday dinner guests at the W. A. Mettlen home at Mitchell Butte.

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