



**STATE CAPITOL NEWS**  
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**THE END IS NEAR—SO BACK TO THE HOME ROOST**

**SALEM**—With its program practically completed and its existence nearing an end the Capitol Reconstruction Commission has at last decided to move its office to Salem, a move advocated by many state officials from the inception of this commission.

The move, is understood, will also include dismissal of the two stenographers heretofore employed by the commission but Alton John Bassett, secretary to the commission, is to be retained at a salary of \$350 a month. Bassett was in Salem this week conferring with State Department officials regarding the use of a room in the capitol building for his offices but it is understood the capitol Commission plans to make use of the offices now occupied by the clerk of the works in a temporary building on the new library site in order to economize on clerical help, telephone rental and other expenses.

**ONE REASON FOR ERASERS ON PENCILS**

Just to prove that where there's a will there's still possible to find a way State Treasurer Holman finally succeeded in moving his big safe into the new quarters assigned to his department in the capitol building. The feat was accomplished by sawing the bronze bars of the window frame in two in order to admit the safe and then brazing them together again.

**DEDICATION DATE SET**

Formal dedication of Oregon's new \$2,500,000 capitol will take place on October 1, Governor Martin's 75th birthday, according to plans announced by the Capitol Reconstruction commission. The new furniture for the executive suite as well as the pioneer statute which will perch atop the capitol are expected to be in place in time for the dedication ceremonies. One formal opening and an "open house" celebration have already been observed

since the new building was completed.

**TREES FALL UNDER AX**

A score or more of beautiful shade trees north of the new capitol have gone down under the blows of the woodman's axe this week as workmen began clearing the ground preparatory to the improvement of the Summer street-Court street approach to the capitol. Contract for widening of Court street has already been let by the state highway commission but the improvement of Summer street will be handled by the capitol commission.

**ELECTRICAL CONSUMPTION DOWN**

A material decrease in commercial and industrial consumption of electricity in Oregon during March, April and May is shown in a survey just completed by the Public Utilities commission.

**FORESTRY DEPARTMENT TO HAVE NEW BUILDING**

The Public Works Administration has given its approval to a grant of \$97,476 for construction of new buildings for use by the State Forestry Department. The buildings, already under construction, are located east of Salem, adjacent to the state highway shops.

**QUARTER OF CENTURY OF SERVICE**

Dr. W. D. McNary has just completed 25 years of service as superintendent of the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton. Prior to going to Pendleton Dr. McNary was for 16 years employed at the state hospital at Salem.

**PERHAPS A KIN OF ALICE ROOSEVELT**

A report circulated in Lane county to the effect that Peter M. Sullivan, county relief director, was a cousin of Governor Martin and that his appointment to the relief job was "political gravy" brought a prompt denial from the governor

who told newsmen that this was the third time when he had been called upon to "nail similar lies." In a statement to the press the governor said that neither he nor Mrs. Martin had any relatives in Oregon other than their son and daughter, neither of whom are on the state payroll.

**SUNSET VALLEY**

Mrs. Lila Mitchell was called to Salt Lake City July 16 to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. John T. Moon who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas H. Mitchell and family, Lorraine, Roberta and son Carl of Taft, Cal, are spending their vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Mitchell of Sunset Valley. Dallas Mitchell is an employee of the Standard Oil Company of Taft, Cal.

**OWYHEE**

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coulter are enjoying a visit with their children who arrived from the south Saturday. Jack Coulter from Amarillo, Texas, Charles Coulter from Hoxie, Kas., and Mrs. Minnie Rose from Campo, Colo.

Mrs. Arnold Slippy and daughter Carol Louise were guests of Juanita Franklin Sunday.

Byrd Walters and Gerald Slippy were week end visitors in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Dal Mitchell and family of California are visiting in the parental Ferd Mitchell home. They with their parents and other relatives spent a musical evening at the Earl Strickland home Wednesday.

Letters from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gordon who sailed for England in June state that they made the trip safely and proved themselves good sailors.

Mrs. P. M. Gillander of Eugene was in the neighborhood in the interest of P. T. A. work and visiting old friends. She was an overnight guest of the S. D. Bigelows.

Charlie Culbertson was quite badly hurt when a truck tire he was pumping up exploded. Several stitches had to be taken in his lip and part of a tooth was knocked out.

**Remodeling Home—**

Chief of Police and Mrs. A. V. Cook are remodeling their home on First street making a two family duplex out of the present six room bungalow. Each apartment will have three rooms a breakfast nook, a bath and screen porch, and the whole house will be redecorated.

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