

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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Take the Part of Solomon

SALEM — Probably no appointment made during the present administration has given Governor Martin more concern than the two he made last week in filling vacancies caused by the deaths of the county judges in Washington and Tillamook counties. Friends of the several candidates for the two positions thronged the executive department throughout the week, coming singly and in delegations of from five to fifteen members.

In Washington county where the sudden death of Judge Donald T. Templeton had left a vacancy the choice lay between the widow of Judge Templeton and the two candidates for the office, nominated at the May primaries, with the nod going to Templeton who will serve out the unexpired term, ending in January, leaving the two candidates to fight it out in November without either enjoying the advantage that might have gone with the appointment.

In Tillamook county there were

also three candidates for the post—Harland Woods, head of the young Democratic club of the county; George Reichers, a Republican and prominent business man, and Jack Caulfield, active Democratic leader with a record of two terms in the state legislature. All three were strongly endorsed by influential citizens of the county and the choice of Woods is regarded here as due largely to the endorsement of the young Democrats.

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Will Depend On Revenues—And Political Pressure

The state's building program for 1939-40 will depend largely upon availability to revenues, according to Budget Director Wallace Wharton who explains that institution heads are already beginning to formulate their requests for improvements. Among those tentatively outlined are a new receiving hospital and nurses home for the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton; enlargement of the receiving hospital at the Salem state hospital; a new cell block and new dining room for the state penitentiary, and a children's pavilion for the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles.

P. U. D. To Go To Legislature

Failing in their attempt to initiate a measure providing for the issuance of revenue bonds by peoples' utility districts, sponsors of this program will carry their fight directly to the legislature, according to word reaching Salem. The measure is being sponsored by the Bonneville Federation of Oregon.

Unemployment Shows Little Improvement

Seasonal work has taken up some of the slack in unemployment in Oregon. Figures released by the Unemployment Compensation commission show a drop of 11 per cent in the active file of job seekers registered with the state employment service last week.

Improvement in Traffic Safety

Statistics compiled by Secretary of State Snell reflects a continued improvement in traffic safety conditions in Oregon. Traffic fatalities for the first six months of the current year totalled only 126 compared to 150 for the same period in 1937. Twenty-nine persons lost their lives in traffic accidents on Oregon highways during June, this year, which was within one of the record for June, 1937.

Bureau Cuts Personnel

Fewer than 100 persons are now employed by the State Unemployment Compensation commission in its Salem office as compared to a payroll of more than 200 at the first of the year when the commission began the payment of claims. Sixteen employees of the commission were released last week and further reductions in personnel are contemplated, members of the commission have indicated.

REPEALING DOUBLE LIABILITY

This is another proposed amendment to the state constitution which was referred to the voters by the legislative session of 1937.

As the short title indicates the amendment if adopted would relieve stockholders in state banks from the double liability now imposed in the event of a bank failure. Stockholders in national banks have already been relieved of this double liability (liability to the depositors in an amount equal to double their stock in the bank) and this proposed amendment would place stockholders in state banks on the same footing in this respect.

"Pressure" Politics To Get Once Over
Governor Martin has promised

to "look into" reports that the Democratic State Central committee is assessing state employees for support of the fall campaign. Veteran politicians point out that the practice is not new, explaining that political appointees have always been expected to contribute toward "the good of the cause," although as a rule this understanding is not put into writing in the form of an assessment. Careful inquiry among state employees in Salem has revealed only two who admit to having received the assessment notice. Both of these were asked to contribute \$21 at the rate of \$3 a month for the next seven months. Both of these employees were appointees rather than employees. It is not believed that the reported assessment extended to the rank and file job holders.

Gas and Whiskey Drivers Increase

Drunken driving is on the increase in Oregon according to statistics compiled by Secretary of State Earl Snell. During the first five months of the current year 309 motorists in this state had their licenses revoked upon conviction of drunken driving. That was 54 more than the record for the same period in 1937 and 124 ahead of the 1936 record. Every month this year so far has shown an increase in license revocations for drunken driving over the same month last year.

Keeping Everlastingly At It—Brings Success

If persistence counts Chas. H. Ager of Portland should get his home exemption tax bill on the state ballot in 1940. Having failed twice in his effort to secure the requisite number of signatures to place the measure on the ballot Ager this week made another start when he filed preliminary petitions with Secretary of State Earl Snell. Ager's measure would exempt from taxation dwellings up to \$2000 in true cash value when occupied by the owner.

Liquor Bill Mounts

Oregon residents, with the aid of a few tourists, consumed slightly more intoxicating liquor in the fiscal year ending June 30—\$143,000 more than they did in the previous 12-month period according to a report by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Gross sales of liquor by state stores and agencies during the last fiscal year totalled \$8,055,991.43 compared to \$7,913,077.41 for 1936-37. Net profits from the liquor business increased proportionately from \$1,678,302.14 in 1936-37 to \$1,830,006.74 in 1937-38.

TEN DAVIS

The Social Circle was entertained by Mrs. Florence Herno with Mrs. Agnes Pritchard assisting.

Cards of thanks were sent to Art Moore at Notus for the use of an electric fan and to the Ladies of the Notus Baptist church for use of dishes at the businessmen's dinner that was given in the Ten Davis Community hall last week.

A dinner was planned for Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Small to be given in the Community hall.

Roll call. What the club has meant to me as a member, the past year was answered by nineteen members. It was followed by a bazaar discussion.

The club Women's Creed was given by Selma Seebree.

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Sabin and Mrs. Richardson were guests of the group.

At the close of the business meeting delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Minnie Andrews and Mrs. Minnie Siebenberg of Notus, distributed fruit jars last week that were received from the children's home in Boise for members of the Social Circle to fill with fruit and vegetables for the childrens home.

Mrs. Selma Seebree called at the Z. S. Barnum home last Wednesday evening.

Sunday dinner guests in the G. W. Eagan home were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Menden.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Roberts who recently returned from California, are visiting in the home of Mrs. Roberts sister, Mrs. Lyle Hester.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gahley motored to the M. L. Kurtz home in Newell Heights last Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Andrews and Mrs. Minnie Siebenberg of Notus were callers in the Rada Proctor home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bartles and daughter and Frank Gahley were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mrs. Bartles' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pritchard in Roswell.

Mary Ann Aten of Arena Valley spent the week end with Ruth Bartles.

Joan and Virginia Polly were Friday afternoon guests of Sylvia Morley.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McLaughlin, Mrs. Will Gahley and Mrs. Carrie McLaughlin visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Collins near Nampa last Sunday. In the afternoon Mrs. Collins accompanied her sisters and nephew and wife to Boise where they visited in the home of the former brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Stafford.

Mrs. John Pritchard, Mrs. Carol Shipley and sons visited in the home of Mrs. Pritchards sister, Mrs. Orville Atteberry in Wilder last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aten, Mrs. J. R. Aten and Mrs. Bessie Bur-

ham of Roswell were callers in the home of Willard Bartles last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Selma Seebree called on Mrs. Sarah Guiffey who is a convalescent, last Sunday.

Mrs. Claude Bright and Mrs. G. W. Eagan were Caldwell visitors last Tuesday.

Mrs. Florence Herno called Sunday afternoon to see Mrs. Leon Morgan and baby.

A change has been made in the telephone line No. 67. S. H. Goodson, G. W. Eagan, Gus Proctor, Frank Farley, Pat Stockton, W. A. Adams and Mrs. O. T. Andrews have been transferred to line No. 27.

OWYHEE

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Franklin are entertaining Mrs. Franklin's sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Leland Henderson, daughter Norma and son Philip of Tucson, Ariz. They covered 1800 miles in their trip and like most every one who visits here, likes our country. Mr. Leland is superintendent of bus lines in Tucson.

Mrs. Allen Husser, daughters Donna Joy and Alta Gay and son Bruce Allen of Preston, Idaho, are visiting relatives in this community and with Mrs. Tom Rust and daughter of Nyssa were supper guests of the Lynn Kygars Saturday. Mrs. Husser is well known here as Georgia Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Evans went to Twin Falls Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Evans' brother. They returned Friday.

John Westfall returned home from Jordan Valley where he had been working.

J. B. Coulter, Earl and Frank Crocker, J. B. Mitchell and Culbertson family and Russell Patton and Al Marney attended the Colorado picnic at the Big Bend park Sunday.

Mrs. Gifford McIntosh had her throat lanced for quinsy last week. Juanita Franklin helped in the home during her illness.

Mrs. Martha Klingback, daughters Doris and Louise and son Fred and Juanita Franklin were Sunday callers at the Oscar Pinkston home in Big Bend.

A joint meeting of the Owyhee P. T. A. and the Owyhee Community club will be held at the home of Mrs. T. M. Lowe with Mrs. Chas. Schweizer assisting on Thursday, August 18. 4-H club members who attended Summer school at Corvallis will give their report at this meeting.

BUENA VISTA

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robbins and Alma Day spent Sunday at the Alfred Scott home near Vale.

John Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Topliff, Edward and Irvin called at the L. E. Goodell home near Vale Sunday and called on Mrs. Murphy at Fruiland in the afternoon.

Claude Day spent Sunday with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Day.

George Cleaver has erected a new granary to put his wheat in.

Edward and Irvin Topliff are helping E. L. Jamison stack hay.

C. C. Wyckoff has started to dig his basement and level his lawn preparing to sow it.

Ercell Goodell called at the Alva Goodell home Saturday.

Mrs. Claude Day called at the S. B. Hoffman home Sunday.

Alva Goodell has been threshing clover seed in Sun Set Valley.

Alma Day left Sunday for Wilder to work until school starts.

Dwight Wyckoff has been helping Mr. DeGross stack hay.

Henry Day, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell went to look at Goodell's cattle which is being pastured on the bottom land.

Our ditch rider Lloyd Barnett moved in his new home Saturday which the ditch company has erected for him just west of the construction camp.

Wilbur Rife was in this district Thursday evening.

The Chatter Box club held its regular meeting at the H. L. Day home Wednesday.

NYSSA HEIGHTS

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Allen' daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green of Amarilla, Texas left Sunday for California.

Mrs. A. K. Gibbs arrived from Roseburg Wednesday evening for an indefinite stay with her sister Mrs. Webb Pennie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson spent Sunday at the Wm McElroy home west of Cairo Junction.

Mrs. O. J. Kurtz' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Molts and family of Deerfield, Kas., and her mother, Mrs. Emma Groop of Laklin, Kas. visited from Friday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Linger and daughter Leona visited in Oregon Trail vicinity at the home of his sister, Mrs. Harry Gahan.

Readon and Pennie combined oats for Earl Anderson Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. P. A. Quarles and son Talmer of Albuquerque, New Mexico, were visitors at the I. B. Allen home the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave E. Beers and daughter Doris were callers at the Dan Corbett home Thursday evening.

Vernon Walker is painting the Hershel Thompson house in Nyssa.

Mrs. O. G. Scott and daughters made a trip to Jordan Valley Sun-

day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson and son spent Friday evening with the Glen Sutter family.

Several members of the Chatter Box club attended their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Alma Day in Buena Vista district Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cahill, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moss and son Jimmie Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gahan and family with Mrs. Gahan's brother, Ross Davis picnicked in Parma and attended the ball game Sunday.

Mrs. Jess Ford and daughter Ferris was in Parma on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Molts and son, Ronald and Mrs. Emma Groop of Kansas with Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Kurtz called at the Dan Corbett home Sunday evening. They were old friends from Kansas.

F. J. Cahill is threshing clover this week.

Dan Davison and Glen Wright mowed clover for Dan Corbett Monday.

Willard Smith is helping Earl Anderson with his farm work.

KINGMAN KOLONY

The regular meeting of the Kingman H. E. club was held at the home of Mrs. Peterson on Tuesday. The usual number of members were present and the afternoon was spent sewing on articles for a fall bazaar.

Mrs. Jack Corn was hostess to the Polly Anna club Wednesday afternoon. There were seven members and two visitors present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Denney were callers in the Martin home.

Mrs. Harvey Otis spent Friday p. m. with Miss Beaumont.

Friends of Dale Ashcraft were sorry to hear that his condition was such that it was necessary for him to go to the Caldwell sanitarium for medical care.

Mrs. Dale Ashcraft and Mrs. Bill Ashcraft of Adrian were Nampa and Caldwell shoppers Tuesday. They called on Dale Ashcraft at the sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McLafferty of Nyssa, Mr. Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Martin, Jeanette Martin and Nadine Nichols joined the Bill Toomb family of Caldwell Sunday and all enjoyed a picnic at the Memorial park.

Mrs. Glasscock spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Frank Newbill.

Mrs. Lily Bach left for Sandpoint Thursday to visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chet Stallings.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cotton and Mrs. Vanderpool were Ontario visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. C. C. Cotton attended a party at the home of Mrs. Chas. Pierson of Nyssa Friday.

Mrs. Oscar Schafer and son are home from the Dixon nursing home.

C. M. Beaumont attended a committee meeting in Ontario Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Elliott and family spent the week end at the Snively hot springs.

VALLEY VIEW

Sheff White and sons helped Steve Kralik with his haying the first of last week.

Some of the young people attended the charivari on Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Klinkenberg Wednesday at the D. E. DeGross home.

H. E. Noah threshed wheat Wednesday and Thursday.

A. A. Bratton called on Dave Reece Wednesday to see if he could get some barley bound.

Steve Kralik made a business trip to Nyssa Friday afternoon. This is the first time Mr. Kralik has been in Nyssa for some time. He was amazed at the progress the town has made in the last few months.

Virgil Belisle cut his field of oats for hay Saturday. He feels it will be worth more as a hay crop than as a grain crop.

A miscellaneous shower was given Saturday evening at the home of Alva Amidon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Don Lankford. Mrs. Lankford was Della Belisle of this community. A nice crowd of neighbors and friends were there. The evening was spent in visiting and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The bride received many useful gifts.

Miss Mira Noah was a dinner

guests of Eulah Bratton Sunday.

The Baptist Guild gave a very nice three act play "Radiant Memory" Sunday evening. Misses Mira Noah, Wilma Brown and Bethal Brown took part in the play. This play took the place of the evening services as the pastor was away.

Mrs. A. A. Bratton and daughter Eulah attended the Guild play with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Noah at the Baptist church in Ontario Sunday.

Tom Amidon and A. A. Bratton are digging potatoes at O. G. Luehrs for Mr. Orris.

Everyone is looking forward to the Kansas picnic which is held every year. This year it will be held the last of August. So everyone watch for the date and plan to attend so you can visit with your home state friends.

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