

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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(Note—That is the third in a series of weekly articles dealing with the 13 measures to appear on the state ballot in November.)

LEGISLATORS' COMPENSATION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

This measure represents another attempt to increase the pay of members of the legislature. Passed by the last session it requires approval by the voters before becoming effective. Under its provisions the legislators would be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$8 per day while attending a session, except that pay for a regular session would be limited to 50 days or a maximum of \$400; special sessions would be limited to a maximum of 20 days. Oregon legislators are now paid at the rate of \$3 per day but may not claim more than \$120 for attendance upon any regular session; extra sessions are now limited to 20 days. The proposed amendment would reduce travel allowance for legislators from the present rate of 15 cents per mile to 10 cents per mile. Presiding officers would receive one-half daily pay additional, or \$12 per day, compared to the present two-thirds additional pay which gives them only \$5 a day.

JOBLESS RECEIVE CLAIMS

SALEM — In the first seven months of its operation the claims department of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission has paid out a total of \$4,500,000 in benefits to 67,000 jobless workers, according to a report issued this week.

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FALSE ALARM

The fire alarm system in Oregon's new capitol was given its first test this week. An employee proudly exhibiting the building to a group of friends inadvertently tripped one of the alarms connected with the Salem fire department. Two pumps and an aerial ladder responded immediately. The experiment demonstrated the efficiency of both the alarm system and the Salem fire department.

WHY WORRY—THE TAXPAYER PAYS THE BILL

Every silver lining has its cloud, it seems. The state has just completed installation of a new telephone switchboard designed to expedite handling of calls to the various departments. Now it develops that the new system makes it impossible to put through station-to-station calls. Instead all incoming calls are charged to at the higher person-to-person rate. The Board of Control has protested the policy and asked for a new deal.

AN "INCIDENT" NARROWLY AVERTED

An international incident was amicably settled this week when Secretary of State Snell approved a claim for 95 cents filed by the Latvian charge d' affaires ad interim at Washington, D. C. The foreign diplomat, it appears, was a recent visitor to Oregon. While in the state he purchased 19 gallons of gasoline on which he paid the state tax of five cents a gallon, or a total of 95 cents. The Latvian official promptly filed a claim for refund with Secretary of State Hull who just as promptly forwarded the claim on to Oregon's secretary of State, Earl Snell.

LESS TRAFFIC DEATHS

One hundred and twenty-nine in 1937 and 2971 injured was the toll taken by traffic accidents in Oregon highways during the first six months of 1938 according to figures compiled by Secretary of State Snell. The record, however, reflects an improvement over the situation in 1937 when 150 persons were killed and 3128 injured in the same period.

FIRE TAKES TOLL

Forty-nine persons lost their lives as a result of fires in Oregon during 1937 to set a new high record for this state according to the annual report of Hugh H. Earle, state fire marshal. "Most fire casualties were entirely avoidable and the direct result of carelessness," Earle declared in commenting upon the situation. "The most common causes resulting in those deaths were misuse of kerosene and gasoline, smoking in bed, or standing too near a stove of fireplace."

Fire losses over the state during the year totalled \$3,270,297 which was approximately \$45,000 above the 1936 record but 22.9 per cent below the average for the previous ten-year period.

A WINDFALL FOR SALEM
Reports that a \$2,000,000 Oregon Trill museum of history, scenic and art was in store for Oregon without cost to the taxpayers came as a surprise to state officials none of whom, apparently, have been consulted on the project. Plans for the museum as outlined in a Salem newspaper would require that the state donate only the site for the structure. Financing of the project was to be financed through a PWA grant of \$900,000 with donations from foundations, institutes and historical societies making up the balance.

SLOT MACHINE SUIT
Suits filed in the circuit court here this week by J. A. Moore, of Brooks, strike at the validity of the

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Tom Coward
Opposite City Hall

Carney and Martin bills of the 1937 session outlawing slot machines, pin ball games and other games of chance. The complaint filed by Brooks alleges that the procedure attending the passage of the two measures was faulty. The suits it is understood, are designed to keep the two measures off the November ballot so that attention of the voters might be centered in the so-called "trade stimulator" measure sponsored by the Oregon Merchants Legislative Council.

POETRY AND STREAM PURIFICATION

For the first time on record the official voters' pamphlet this year will include poetry among the arguments used in support of the several measures on November ballot. One of the poems is the "Beautiful Willamette" by Samuel L. Simpson, in which the sparkling waters of the Willamette river are pictured as "waltzing, flashing, tinkling, splashing" on their way to the sea. The other poem is by Dean Collins and pictures the same river as an open sewer carrying the waste from mills and industries until even "the fishes hold their noses and no longer leap and frisk." The poems are used as arguments in support of the stream purification measure sponsored by the Stream Purification League of Oregon.

PWA APPROVES HEATING NPLANT

Word from Washington that the Public Works Administration has approved a grant of \$56,361 toward construction of a new heating plant to serve the capitol group of buildings is expected to spur action on that project. Total cost of the plant is estimated at \$110,000 with the state's share to come out of the \$1,000,000 appropriation authorized by the last legislature for construction of a new library and heating plant. The state board of control is expected to act at once in purchasing a site for the new plant which will probably be located on Twelfth street on property adjoining that already owned by the state.

PROBABLE RELATIVES OF "WRON WAY CORRIGAN"

Not only do the salmon adorning the new capitol swim down stream contrary to all precedent, as pointed out by a fisherman, but the ox-drawn covered wagon on the state seal in the capitol rotunda is headed back east. This latter fact was discovered this week by an "old timer" who explained that he had come west in a covered wagon himself but "had never heered of one o' them traveling east before."

NEWELL HEIGHTS

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Philbrick and daughter accompanied by his mother, Mrs. E. N. Philbrick arrived Friday from Kansas for a visit with their sister and daughter, Mrs. G. E. Webster and family. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson were in Boise on business and was shopping Tuesday. Janet Gorham and three girl friends from New Plymouth called on Floy Byram Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaulke and son, old neighbors of the James Malloy family of Dry creek visited at the Malloy home last week. Mrs. Hobb and son of Sun Set Valley formerly of Hutchinson, Kas., called at the Earl Anderson and G. E. Webster home Sunday afternoon. Ila Botner spent last week visiting relatives and friends in Nampa. Sunday evening dinner guests at the Glen Suiter home were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Maley and daughter of Roswell.

Mrs. John Quigley was called to Twin Falls Saturday to be with her mother who was to undergo an operation.

Arriving from Kansas Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dillon and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webster at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Webster for a week's visit. Mrs. Earl Anderson called on Mrs. L. J. Norris in Nyssa Monday afternoon.

F. J. Cahill threshed 15 acres of alsack clover last week it made eight bushels per acre.

Mrs. Reece Byram left Monday for Boise for a few days visit with her daughters Bonnie and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmoth and family.

Mrs. Myers left for Chicago the last of the week after a two months visit at the home of her daughter Mrs. Jess Hunting and family.

Joe Council of Nyssa is helping with the farm work at the Dan Corbett home.

Mrs. Rose Kurtz of Iakin, Kas., arrived Saturday for an indefinite stay with her son O. J. Kurtz and family and daughter, Mrs. Carl Roth of near Nyssa.

John Quigley is threshing 160 acres of wheat which is making over 30 bushels per acre.

Mrs. Roger Tucker returned home after spending a week with relatives and friends at Kuna and Meridian Idaho.

Roy and Claude Benedict of Riverview district spent Sunday with Edwin and Harold Kurtz.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Philbrick and daughter of Kansas arrived Friday for a visit with their son and brother, Mark who makes his home with his aunt, Mrs. Eldidge Gaston.

John Quigley threshed clover Saturday for Dan Corbett which yielded five bushels per acre. Sunday afternoon callers at the

O. J. Kurtz home were his mother Mrs. Rose Kurtz, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roth and son Ronald.

Dan Davis and Glen Wright were at Homedale last week working on a new house which they expect to occupy this fall.

Mrs. Earl Anderson spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Glen Suiter.

Mrs. Earl Anderson and Mrs. Dan Corbett attended the Ladies Aid meeting at the home of Mrs. L. E. Fry near Nyssa Thursday afternoon.

Miss June Webster was Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith west of Cairo junction.

William H. Hammond and Mr. Bracinet of Salem were Wednesday given examinations for permits and licenses of chauffeurs and operators.

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Billie Allen returned home Sunday after spending most of the summer with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Williams, his sisters Joyce and Carol Allen came back with Mr. and Mrs. Williams to stay a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Williams and family attended a family reunion Sunday at the Caldwell park.

Mrs. Williams gave a party for her son Ralph Wednesday afternoon it was his birthday anniversary, several of his friends enjoyed the party, refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch served.

J. C. Shelton is under the care of Dr. Maulding, he is suffering from intestinal disorder, but is much improved.

H. L. Day had his tonsils removed by Dr. Maulding Friday.

Mrs. C. C. Wyckoff is able to be about again since her recent attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. E. A. Wells and sons Archie and Harold attended a sermon at Vale Sunday evening given by Rev. Bailey. Rev. Bailey is an old acquaintance of the Wells family.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bascom and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day of Wilder visited Sunday at the S. B. Hoffman and H. L. Day homes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wyckoff and family, Ray and Loyd Boyles and Kenneth Purce called at the A. P. Goodell home Sunday afternoon.

John Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Topliff and sons were Sunday dinner guests at the L. E. Goodell home near Vale.

Mrs. C. L. Day, Mr. and Mrs. H.

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L. Day attended a picnic at Vale Sunday.

Joe Stephen is combining wheat for E. L. Jamison.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sorensen were Saturday and Sunday visitors at the H. L. Day home.

The Mother's Helpers 4-H club met at the A. P. Goodell home August 11. They are giving a program and ice cream social at the Harold Sisson home August 19.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wyckoff and family called at the Bert Bratton home Sunday evening to see some friends from Kansas also Mr. Wyckoff's friends who came here for an extended visit.

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