

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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SALEM—Mark Skinner, state superintendent of banks, is the next Democratic office holder slated to walk the plank for the plunge into private oblivion, in the opinion of the political prognosticators.

There appear to be two counts against Skinner. In the first place he belongs to the wrong political party in the opinion of the Republican leaders who are most active in fomenting the present purge of Martin appointees. In the second place he has been too active in promoting the interests of the small, independent banks and thereby appears to have incurred the enmity of some of the bigger bankers who would like to see him replaced by a superintendent more to their liking.

Skinner's removal, however, is not a foregone conclusion by any means. So far there have been no official utterances upon which to base any positive statement. The superintendent of banks, be it understood, is appointed by the state banking board composed of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. Governor Sprague told newspapermen this week that no action would be taken toward appointment of a superintendent of banks until after the return of State Treasurer Walter Pearson, who has been out of the city on a month's vacation. Pearson is due back at his desk next week but that does not necessarily mean that the banking board will take immediate action. Neither did the governor's statement mean, as he explained, that Skinner was slated to go. Pearson the only Democrat on the board, is supporting Skinner. Secretary of State Snell is non-committal but friends say that he feels that Skinner has done a good job and would be inclined to retain him unless the governor insists upon a change in which event he will probably vote with him.

Skinner, incidentally, has a large following among the small independent bankers over the state who have been actively campaigning for his reappointment. These small bankers are said to include a majority of Republicans who are not seriously concerned over the complexity of a superintendent's politics so long as he is capable.

Should the prognosticators prove to be correct and Skinner be removed, report has it that he will probably be succeeded by Fred Lamport, Salem banker. Not that Lamport needs the job or the salary that goes with it. He is reputedly one of Salem's wealthiest bankers. But he wants the post for the honor that attaches to a political appointment and is a good friend of the governor who might find it embarrassing to refuse him this favor.

While the political spotlight is temporarily focused on Skinner, those interested in Oregon's political picture should not lose sight entirely of the state insurance commission where Hugh H. Earle is admittedly in a precarious position with the wolves howling for his scalp in an ever increasing chorus. About the only reason Earle still remains on the job, it appears, is the difficulty the governor is experiencing in finding a satisfactory man to fill the place. The job was offered to Lloyd R. Smith, Portland insurance man, who turned it down in favor of the corporation commission. With a Portland man landing that plum, the governor is said to be looking for an out-state man for the insurance post. It was thought for a time that he had settled on Earl Tully of Medford, but opposition to Tully in insurance circles is understood to have caused him to postpone action until he can canvass the field still further.

Ask For Market Protection
A delegation of mink and fox breeders appealed to Governor Sprague Saturday for aid in saving the fur industry which they said, is threatened with ruin. The war in Europe they said has closed the London market and European breeders are dumping their furs on the American market. Governor Sprague promised to ask President Roosevelt to impose an embargo limiting imports of fur to the average for the past five years.

New "Blue Book"

The new Oregon Blue Book was being distributed this week. Compiled and published by Secretary of State Snell, the book is a veritable encyclopedia of information regarding the state and its numerous governmental activities. Supplied without cost to state departments, institutions, bureaus and all public schools, the book is available to the public at 25 cents a copy.

Political Jobs Are That Way

Earl R. Goodwin, an employee of the World War Veterans State Aid commission for several years, was another Democrat who felt the effects of the state administrations "purge" this week. Governor Sprague in explaining Goodwin's departure from the state payroll, declared that there was no longer need for his services. Goodwin, a former Portland newspaperman, served as secretary to Charles H. Martin during his two terms in Congress.

Rising Costs Cause Concern

The demand of Budget Director Eccles for a seven per cent cut in current expenditures in order to avoid a deficit in the state budget is causing considerable concern on the part of department and institution heads. Many of these, submitted to severe trimming of their budget estimates at the hands of the former budget director and again at the hands of the legislative ways and means committee and the appropriations approved for their use, is substantially lower than the amounts originally requested. Institution heads, especially, are fearful that rising commodity costs will preclude any possibility of savings in their budgets.

Oregon Employment Continues Gain

A substantial improvement in Oregon's industrial position is reflected in the experience of the State Unemployment Compensation commission which reports collections for the first six months of 1939 to be a half million dollars above those for the same period last year while at the same time benefit payments to jobless workers decreased by more than \$1,100,000. The active file of job seekers was also down from more than 75,000 to less than 35,000, the commission reported.

VALLEY VIEW

Oscar Hickey was painfully burned last Saturday while using a weed burner.

Mrs. Russell Cochran and daughters, Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb and Mrs. Clyde Shurr of Twin Falls, Idaho, were visitors at the Bratton home Tuesday afternoon, stopping at the Arcadia teacherage on their way back to Nyssa.

Last Saturday Cairo and Valley View girls and boys played basketball at Cairo. Cairo boys won, 18-3, and Valley View girls won, 12-0.

Mrs. Lillie Walters of Springfield, Oregon, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Martha Amidon, and other relatives and friends, returned to her home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jensen of Rexburg, Idaho, visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cazier Thursday. Mr. Jensen is Mrs. Cazier's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson left for Gannett, Idaho, Wednesday

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Mrs. Will Brown and Wilma visited Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. J. A. Williams in Ontario. Mrs. Williams left Saturday to live with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Williams in Fayette. She rented her house to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Noah and Mira visited at the Chas. Ketchum and C. P. Yundt homes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Applegarth of McDermitt visited at the H. E. Noah home Friday.

H. L. Brooks have started the foundation for their house.

George Stewart and Knox Alexander went deer hunting Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds went to Baker on business on Saturday.

Nellie Stewart spent the last week in Caldwell visiting Mrs. E. O. Brannan.

Pete Countryman lost a cow last week from eating too many apples.

Mrs. Knox Alexander and Mrs. Harold Seavey visited Mrs. Will Rees Tuesday.

Bill Ure visited George Hunt on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bratton and Melvin Spitzer went to Arcadia to the teachers reception Friday evening, bringing Miss Eulah and Miss Gladys Bratton home with them for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burns of Parma visited Mr. and Mrs. George Paxton Sunday.

Mrs. Amanda Cazier and son Frank from Payette visited at the Roy Cazier home from Thursday until Saturday.

Mrs. Zetta Burgett and daughter Erma of New Plymouth visited Mrs. Roy Cazier Tuesday.

The Just-a-Mere club members from Ontario, Payette and Fruitland met at the home of Mrs. Earl Winegar this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Leffler visited the E. H. and S. T. Curtis families in Caldwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dad Armstrong returned Tuesday from Boise and Pocatello where they have been visiting. Mrs. Armstrong was ill several days, but is better now.

Margaret Hawkes accompanied the Keith Merrill family of Paul, Idaho, to Moscow where they spent the week end.

A. A. Bratton drove his tractor to Ontario Tuesday for repairs.

OREGON TRAIL

Oregon Trail P. T. A. held their September meeting Friday evening at the school house. Plans for this year were made.

Mr. Stokes entertained his pupils with a party Friday evening at the school house. An enjoyable evening was reported by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Goodson and Estelle of Ten Davis visited at the F. G. Holmes home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Briggs of Platteville, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reeves of Greeley, Colo., arrived Sunday evening at the F. G. Holmes home. Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Reeves are sisters of Mrs. Holmes. On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Holmes accompanied their visitors to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chard and family have moved into the house on the J. E. Bowen farm.

Klaas Hart finished hulling clover last week. The machine is thrashing at Jake Relks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Holmes and family shopped in Weiser Tuesday.

Mrs. J. E. Bowen and Billy of Nyssa spent Friday with Mrs. F. G. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Smith and family have moved to Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Holmes were shopping in Weiser Thursday.

ARCADIA

Wayburn Glasgow spent last week with Billy Stradley.

Mrs. A. E. Bradley, mother of D. E. Brady from Rocky Ford, Colo., is making her permanent home with them.

The Bullards got back from deer hunting last Thursday evening. There were four men in the party and they brought back four bucks and three does.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Traver of Portland spent a few days last week at the J. M. Wagners.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warner and girls left Monday morning for Myrtle Point, Oregon to visit relatives. G. H. Garrons are doing the chores for Warners while they are gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis returned home Wednesday from their trip to Enterprise, Oregon.

The Pamer twins, Lynn and Leona, each have a new bicycle.

Mrs. Perle Richard helped Mrs. Betty Fleming cook for hay men Monday.

Norman Hipp, who has been working for his uncle, Carl Hipp, at Boise, came home Sunday to drive the truck during best harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Traver of Portland spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warner.

Joe Bertapella, A. Busnardo, and O. Bordignon of Chico, Calif., came Monday morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Marostica. They are looking for a location in this valley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Holaday, Margery and Gene, left Saturday for McCall to dig potatoes for F. H. Hogue.

Henry Herman, Mrs. Wagner's brother, and Henry Shrader, a friend, stopped at the J. M. Wagners home one day last week for dinner. They were on their way from Myrtle Point to Oklahoma City, where Mr. Shrader is going to attend an undertakers' convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Orris and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Carr and family of Weiser, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Bullard and his son and mother, Mrs. Lizzie Livingston of Chicago, spent Sunday at the Charles Bullard home.

Mrs. Joe Dierksen gave a party last Wednesday in honor of her and her brother John Van Zelf's birthdays, which occur on the same day. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Zelf and Delores, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Van Zelf and Bobby Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Groot and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Case Vander Winkle, Mrs. Gurina Van Zelf and Nick and John. Refreshments were served at the end of the evening.

Mrs. May Fleming called at the W. E. Holaday home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smit were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Smit Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Diven and family of Caldwell, Mrs. Effie Minton, and Mrs. John Roy of Nyssa spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stradley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reccla and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Marostica and family Sunday afternoon.

Darrell Williams and his father-in-law, J. H. Brewer, went deer hunting Monday.

Callers at the Angus Bishop home Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Granton Eason, Mrs. Plen Tibbett, Mrs. Luther Fife, Mrs. Malcolm Crawford and Mrs. Joe Bingham.

Mrs. W. W. Meham, Mrs. Angus Bishop's mother, came to visit them Monday, from Provo, Utah, and was surprised to find that she had another grandson. She returned home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Martin Good, Arnold and Anna of New Plymouth, called on Mr. and Mrs. John Smit and Mary Smit Sunday afternoon.

J. N. Hickey sold his corn to the Ontario grain mill. John Smit shell-

ed it Friday.

Mary Moore and her mother of Ontario visited Mrs. Clarence Barrett last Thursday.

The Holaday brothers have bought a ranch at Grandview, Ida. W. E. Holaday, Bill Jr., Virgil and his wife, are up at Ironside getting out poles for Ure's potato cellar. They are camping and Mrs. Virgil Holaday is doing the cooking.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dowers and family spent Sunday evening at John Smit's.

Mr. and Mrs. Plen Tibbett came from Parma Saturday night and visited until Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Granton Eason.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schenk had Sunday dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Williams'.

Jack Schenks had quite a scare Friday afternoon. Mrs. Schenk left paraffin on the electric stove and stepped outside to talk to Mr. Schenk and forgot it until she heard the children scream. The wax had boiled over and caught fire and the wall behind the stove and the window curtains were all blazing. Mr. Schenk grabbed pails of water and soon had the fire out before much damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smit and Mary Smit went to Weiser Friday to visit friends.

Mrs. Glen Dower's sister from Garden Valley is here visiting them. Little Grant Eason visited with Floyd Eason on Newell Heights Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dewey and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lutz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Vaughn and Mr. Cartarion of Portland had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Long last Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Bowman of Riverside, Calif., left J. T. Long's last Sunday to visit relatives in Nyssa.

Mrs. Curtis Eason and Walter visited Monday at Granton Easons. Miss Dorothy Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, is helping in Mrs. Angus Bishop.

The school board had a meeting Monday evening concerning the water in the school house basement.

Mrs. Granton Eason visited school

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RIVERVIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loe, and children were dinner guests Wednesday evening at the Irving Frank home in Nampa.

A large potato cellar is being built by the Ure brothers on Gem avenue. A group of young people from the Community Sunday school went on a picnic to Caldwell and to visit with Anne Marie Johnson, who is attending the College of Idaho there.

Ed Sanders, who has been in Nebraska since spring, is at the Jim Armstrong home on Gem avenue. The Community Sunday school will meet at the Frank Graham home on Sunday.

Many farms in Riverview are posted with "No Trespassing" signs. The hunters seem to be getting some fine game.

Keith Blackburn, who had attended school only one day, due to illness, returned Tuesday.

Gerald Hibbert left Sunday for his gold mine on the Boise river. He has been home helping his son put up their third crop of hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hibbert and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Liguarts have purchased new washing machines.

Hunters From Baker—

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ray of Baker visited with relatives over the week end and Dewey joined the pheasant hunters on Sunday.



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