

BORROWING TO PAY WARRANTS ADVISED

Power for State Treasurer Suggested.

KOZER MAKES REPORT

Money With Which to Meet Obligations Is Declared Frequently Lacking.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Amendment of the present laws so as to authorize the state treasurer to borrow money to care for the immediate needs of the commonwealth instead of indorsing warrants "not paid for want of funds," will be recommended by Sam Kozer, secretary of state, in his biennial report to the legislature.

"It transpires frequently in the ordinary course of business," reads the recommendation, "that upon the presentation of general fund warrants to the state treasurer, there is no money in this fund from which the warrants may be paid. This means that the general fund has become depleted because of demands thereon in excess of receipts accruing through the annual tax apportionments to the several counties, which have not yet been collected and turned over to the treasurer."

Interest Paid on Warrants.
"The law defining the duties of the state treasurer require him to pay all warrants drawn on the treasury in the order in which they are presented. If there are no funds in the treasury then he shall indorse on such warrants 'not paid for want of funds,' together with the date, and all warrants so indorsed shall draw interest at the rate of 6 per cent until called in for payment."

"The law requiring the state treasurer to indorse warrants where general fund money is insufficient for their payment has been in force since the year 1859. For a number of years thereafter the number of warrants which the treasurer was obliged to indorse for want of funds was small and the amount of money involved not large."

Work Greatly Increased.
"The state has grown, however, and the number of warrants required to be indorsed not paid for want of funds has increased correspondingly. This has not only entailed a large amount of work for the state treasurer but has increased the interest charge against the state."

"It has occurred to me that his method of taking care of situations of this kind can be materially simplified and a public convenience afforded by authorizing the state treasurer to borrow money for the general fund only to the extent as such money may be required from time to time to meet the payment of outstanding warrants which have been issued by the secretary of state pursuant to law."

"This money could undoubtedly be borrowed at a less rate of interest than the legal rate, and certificates could be issued in such denominations that whenever any sums of money were received in the treasury they could be immediately applied in payment of such outstanding certificates and relieve the state of the interest burden just to that extent."

Federal System Is Cited.
"Under existing laws the treasurer is really obliged to await payment into the general fund of a considerable sum, then issue his public call for the redemption of outstanding warrants, which have been presented in the interim and indorsed not paid for want of funds. Even though money could not be borrowed from the bank at less than the legal rate of interest, I apprehend that there would be some saving in the interest charge, but the great consideration is the public convenience afforded and the preservation of the credit of the state and the maintenance of the confidence of its citizens."

"The federal government, as I understand it, conducts its affairs in this way. Its obligations are always paid in cash and to meet their payment it borrows the necessary funds through the issuance of appropriate negotiable paper, such as certificates of indebtedness and the like."

SUNDAY at 12:30

Y. M. C. A. GETS AWARD

Local School Receives More Funds to Help ex-Service Men.

A final award of \$500 from the national Y. M. C. A. war work funds for the benefit of ex-service men has been made to the Oregon Institute of Technology, the local Y. M. C. A. school. The national council stipulates that the distribution must be completed by 2 o'clock this afternoon. The funds, which were established to help veterans obtain training along useful lines, total \$5,176,487 in the United States.

Local branches affected are: Auto mechanics, storage battery, automobile electrical mechanics, radio telegraphy, mechanical drawing, college preparatory, salesmanship, public speaking, accountancy, business and elementary courses for men. Awards at the local Y. M. C. A. school have served a large number of students since the close of the war.

GALES WRECK VESSELS

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gigantic waves. Battered below decks for most of the voyage were 246 seasick passengers.

The President Monroe, snow and ice covered from stem to stern, arrived looking like an iceberg, after fighting the worst gales her skipper could remember. Once, he said, when a hundred-miles-an-hour wind was blowing, she could make but four knots.

Chaudiere Goes on Rocks.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The passenger steamship Chaudiere, owned and operated by the Royal Mail Steam Packet company, went on the rocks off Bermuda today while on the run from West Indian ports to Nova Scotia. The vessel was badly damaged, but has been refloated. There was no loss of life.

Storm Center East of Cape Cod.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The storm sweeping the middle and north Atlantic coast was reported today by the weather bureau to be centered east of Cape Cod and moving east-northeastward. Heavy snowfall in portions of New England

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and New York also was reported, 22 inches of snow having fallen at Portland, Me.

SNOW BURIES NEW YORK

Icy Gale Threatens to Paralyze Transportation.
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Thousands of volunteer snow handlers were called to the shovels today to help dig New York city out of its first big storm of the season—a blizzard of snow and sleet which, starting yesterday under moderate temperature, became overnight an icy gale which threatened to paralyze all transportation.
The storm took its toll of hundreds of injured. From early last night until daybreak hospital ambulances were bringing in pedestrians with broken arms, fractured legs or cracked skulls, who had fallen on the ice-covered streets. Most hospitals were crowded to capacity.

Two persons are reported to have been killed in falls.
The wind reached high velocities. Combined with the unaccustomed burden of snow, it worked havoc with above-ground power and telephone lines, street car transmission cables, roofs of buildings and large trees.
Lives of pedestrians in some sections were endangered by falling signs, tumbling chimneys and smokestacks. Thousands of dollars of damage were believed to have been sustained on Long and Staten islands, where numerous small craft were washed ashore. Along the waterfront the toll of damaged buildings was reported heavy.
Railroads were asked to concentrate on maintaining unimpaird freight service in order that the city, with barely 48 hours' reserve supply of coal on hand at harbor terminals, might not be confronted by an actual fuel famine.

Centralia Chamber to Elect.
CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—

(Special.)—Members of the chamber of commerce next Tuesday will elect a board of nine directors for the coming year. Ballots will be cast at the community house from 12 M. to 8 P. M. The following candidates have been nominated by a committee of the chamber: J. Q. Anderson, Caleb Berg, F. J. Eickford, M. E. Coats, Claude Carter, Earl Colson, Reid Conrad, Galen Devore, John Dennis, George Ellsbury, Earl Francis, Fern Gilbert, Orville Goss, Carl Hampe, George Ingraham, L. W. Jackson, J. C. McNiven, W. J. Montgomery, J. J. Mullaley, Vance Noel, John Saught, Sam Schuss, A. W. Shawver, Fred Smelser, Albert

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was one of the active pallbearers at the funeral of Hannis Taylor, ex-minister to Spain, which was held here today.

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