WAGE LAW EFFECT MIGHT BE DIVERSE

Effort Made by Washington Commission to Estimate Difference to Employes.

HALF UNDER SCALE NOW

Employers Say First-Class Help From East May Be Attracted by Wage and Many Forced Into Domestic Service.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—That the $10 minimum wage for mercantile establishments, recommended by the Washington minimum wage conference, will have a sweeping effect, is shown by investigations of the Industrial Welfare Commission:

Of 4544 female employes over the age of 18 years of age in mercantile establishments in all parts of the state, whose wages were listed by the Commission, 2267 received less than $20 a week.

These statistics did not include the employes of 5, 10 and 15-cent stores, almost all of which receive less than $8.

A considerable number of those receiving less than $10 are beginners. The Industrial Welfare Commission has not yet made a decision on the apprenticeship question. One of the solutions suggested at the conference, however, which met with some favor, was the limiting of the number of apprentices in any store to 15 per cent of the total number of employes.

Average Increase $1.81.

If this plan were adopted 35 per cent of the women over 18 in stores would receive salary increases by the establishment of the $10 minimum. In the cases of 681 employes, to which the $10 scale was applied, it was found the average increase would amount to $1.81 a week.

The increases that would be established by putting the $10 minimum into effect would not be the only ones, however. The establishment of a minimum wage for minors would result in many increases, as 70 per cent of those under 18 years now receive less than $7 a week.

Apprentices, while unable to earn the $10 minimum, will in many cases be increased, as the Commission, in issuing permits, must also fix the wage at which each is to work. Many of the department stores now start beginners at $3 a week.

Servants May Be Plentiful.

Employers, it is believed, will demand $10 service for the $10 wage and many girls capable of earning only $7, $8 and $9 a week may be supplanted by more efficient help. Importation of trained saleswomen from the East, who might be attracted by better chances here, is one of the possible results that has been discussed.

That a considerable percentage of the girls supplanted may be forced into housework is the view generally expressed by members of the Commission.

Although in the final analysis the cost of the increased wages will be borne by the consuming public, J. L. Paine, of the Spokane Dry Goods Company, one of the members of the conference, said he did not expect any immediate "marking up" process would be resorted to by the stores, though he admitted that the settlement of the apprenticeship question might have much to do with this.

SANDY CLUB HAS DINNER

NEED OF UNION HIGH SCHOOL IN DISTRICT IS EMPHASIZED.

Poles to Be Purchased to Carry Power Cable From Bull Run Station to Provide Lights.

SANDY, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—The get-together dinner held here Thursday night in the Sandy Hotel under the auspices of the Sandy Commercial Club was attended by nearly 100 residents of this district. The business man and the farmer were there. E. R. Esson, president, in welcoming the guests, urged all to get acquainted during the evening. Mr. Esson explained the object of the meeting and then turned the gavel over to F. E. Beckwith, who acted as toastmaster.

H. M. James, school superintendent for the district, urged the establishment of a union high school. He pointed out that the assessed valuation in the district is $1,202,000, which would support such a school without a burden and would result in keeping the students at home.

Frank E. McGugin spoke of the need of closer relation between the farmer and business man and the need of a fruit cannery. Mrs. Antoine Malar and Rev. E. M. Smith also spoke briefly. A musical programme was rendered. The next meeting of the club will be the annual election.

Sandy soon will be provided with electric lights from the power station at Bull Run. The city is advertising for poles to carry the cable from the headworks. One of the conditions of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is that the city furnish the poles.

The Sandy News is the name of the new eight-page paper established here by Charles R. Bennett.

The owners of Government Camp have offered a silver cup to the first automobile to reach Government Camp this year. The only requirement is that the automobile shall come through on its own power.

MERCHANTS HAVE LEAGUE

Centralia Business Men Will Visit Surrounding Towns for Two Days.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—At a meeting held by Centralia business men in the Commercial Club rooms last night the permanent organization of the Centralia Merchant Association was effected. William Scales was elected president, Herbert Robinson secretary and Valen Honeywell treasurer. Directors will be appointed next week.

The new organization will be operated along the same lines as the Tacoma Ad and Rotary clubs. The committee recently appointed to plan a two days' boosting trip for merchants through the small towns in this vicinity reported progress. It is likely that the trip will be made in May. The first day out the towns along the main line between Rainier and Kelso will be visited and the second day will be devoted to the South Bend and Grays Harbor branches.

CUPID GETS EVEN BREAK

Two Divorces, One Marriage and One Suit Off Walla Walla Tally.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—Cupid usually plays second fiddle on divorce days in the Superior Court, but yesterday, by an 11th-hour compromise, he broke over. Two divorces were granted, and as offsets there was one marriage, and one divorce suit was dropped.

S. A. Sanderson was divorced from Lola Sanderson on the ground of desertion. Louise Emma Rudio was given a divorce from Fred Peter Rudio.

The Perry Sanders-Bertha Sanders divorce action was dismissed.

W. A. Delahaye of Harvey, Wash., and Gladys O. Roseberry, of Freewater, were married.

WORK ON HIGHWAY PUSHED

Contractor Near Toledo Busy Despite Unfavorable Weather.

TOLEDO, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—Work on the Pacific Highway south of Toledo by Contractor Peterson is progressing, though the weather the past few days has not been as good as desired. Chief Engineer Allen, of the State Highway Commissioner's office, and John Ward, county engineer of Lewis County, and County Commissioner Thos. H. Gray, were here looking over the work, which is under supervision of Engineer Gillis.

The State will spend some $1400 on a portion of the Pacific Highway near Lacamas prairie. A half of a mile of the road there will be graded and graveled. With the state funds and other money that Lewis County will expend on the same piece of road, it is hoped to put it in good shape.

SHEEP SHEARING STARTED

Herd of 12,000 Shorn Near Echo and 55,000 Ready at Arlington.

PENDLETON, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Shearing operations in Eastern Oregon are well under way, according to Jake Wattenberger, manager of the Wattenberger shearing crew. With a crew of from eight to 12 men he has been at work in the vicinity of Echo for several days, having removed the fleeces from more than 12,000 head of sheep.

The Smythe sheep shearing plant, near Arlington, will be put in operation next Wednesday. A crew of 25 men will be in charge and a total of 55,000 head of sheep will be sheared.

Cemetery to Be Improved.

PENDLETON, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—E. Page, landscape gardener at the Oregon Agricultural College, has been requested by the Pendleton Civic Club to design plans for beautifying the Pioneer Cemetery in North Pendleton. This abandoned cemetery, located almost in the heart of one of the city's best residence sections, has been an eyesore for many years. For years the women of Pendleton have been endeavoring to have something done to improve its condition.

Farmers Build Telephone Lines.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—A new telephone company has been added to those operating in the vicinity of Toledo, a number of farmers living along Salmon Creek, south of the town, having constructed a line and connected the Independent Telephone Company's line. The name of the new concern is the Little Kentucky Telephone Company, and the stockholders are Harris Turner, John Turner, Emily Herriford, Donald Blake, N. J. Patch and Louis Wade.

FUNERAL OF EX-MAYOR OF ASHLAND IS HELD.

Danina B. Provost.

ASHLAND, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Funeral services of the late Danina B. Provost, who died in this city March 31, took place Thursday. They were conducted by Rev. W. T. Van Scoy, at the residence of Henry Prevost, a nephew. Interment was in Ashland Cemetery.

Danina B. Provost was 63 years old and was born in Laprairie County, Province of Quebec. He came to Oregon in 1870, and was a resident of Yamhill and Marion Counties before moving to Ashland nearly 25 years ago. He was Mayor of this city in 1903. He was never married. Direct relatives are three brothers, Pierre, of Ashland; Julian, of St. Paul, Or., and Moses, residing in the Canadian Northwest.

SUPPLIES SENT OUT

Election Paraphernalia Goes to 34 Counties of State.

SHIPMENT OVER SIX TONS

Quantity Necessary Is More Than 50 Per Cent More Than Was Required for 1912 Primary as Result of Women Voting.

SALEM, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Olcott has forwarded to the County Clerks of the 34 counties of the state the largest quantity of election supplies which has ever been provided in the history of the state for use at an election. These supplies have been prepared especially for the primary election of May 15, 1914.

An idea may be gained of the quantity of election laws, poll books, tally sheets, statements, abstracts, official seals, pencils, clips and needles necessary from the fact that 44 boxes, weighing, with contents, approximately over six tons, or 12,435 pounds, comprise the total shipment. The quantity of supplies required for the current primary election is more than 50 per cent more than what was required at the primary election in 1912. This is caused by the fact that the women having been granted the right of suffrage, the quantity of election supplies necessarily has been greatly increased.

Natural Growth Factor.

The natural growth in the voting population in the state has also to do with the increase, as has also the fact that the Progressive party is now required to nominate its candidates at the primary election. In 1912 the number of election precincts established by the County Courts was 1082, with a total of 1397 election boards, while the number of precincts established by the County Courts for conducting elections during the current year is 1476, with a total of 2122 election boards. The cost of printing the necessary election laws, together with the paper required for the poll books, tally sheets, statements, etc., and the printing and binding incident thereto, which will be used at the primary election, approximates $4050. Seventeen thousand three hundred and eighty pounds of paper have also been required for printing these laws and the blanks referred to.

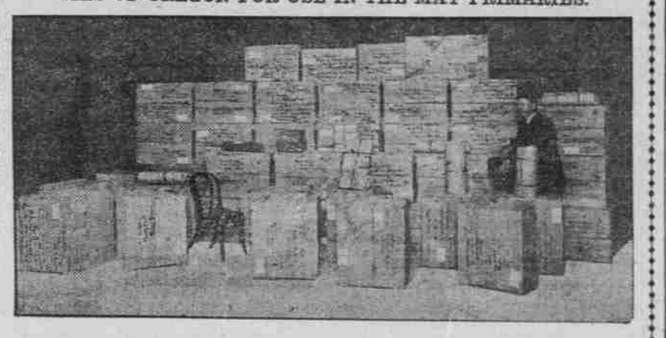
4800 Poll Books Sent.

A statement showing the total number and various blanks included in the shipment of election supplies follows:

Forty-eight hundred poll books, 7500 tally sheets for Republican party, 7500 tally sheets for Democratic party, 7500 tally sheets for Progressive party, 7500 statements of tally sheets for Republican party, 7500 statements of tally sheets for Democratic party, 7500 statements of tally sheets for Progressive party, 1950 abstracts of votes, 1278 oaths of office, second election board officers, 1223 dozen brass clips for fastening ballots, 282 dozen needles for stringing ballots, 910 dozen indelible pencils for marking ballots, 500 copies of election laws for election boards, 60 receipt books for use of Clerk and Sheriff.

J. Haas, in charge of this department—known as notary, books and supplies—has been connected with the Secretary of State's office 23 years.

SIX TONS OF ELECTION SUPPLIES SENT TO VARIOUS COUNTIES OF OREGON FOR USE IN THE MAY PRIMARIES.



SHIPMENT, TWICE AS LARGE AS THAT OF 1912, JUST BEFORE LEAVING SALEM AND J. HAAS IN CHARGE OF SUPPLIES.

DEPARTMENT COST LESS

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER CUTS DOWN EXPENSES.

Receipts Increase During Year of 1913, $24,500.70 Over 1911, Expenses $3254.01 Lower.

SALEM, Or., April 4.—According to a report submitted to Governor West by Insurance Commissioner Ferguson the receipts of his department for the year 1913 increased $24,500.70 over the year 1911, while the expenses decreased $3254.01. The decrease in cost, he says, was due to a general saving of miscellaneous expenses. In his report he says:

"Ever since I have been at the head of the department the volume of business and the receipts have increased, while the expenses of the department have decreased. The receipts for 1912 were $110,764.44, an increase of $16,136.57 over the receipts of 1911. Expenses for 1912 were $13,326.07, a saving of $1601.03 from the cost of the department for the preceding year.

"The 1913 receipts, amounting to $119,130.57, were an increase of $8364.12 over the receipts of 1912, while the expenses for 1913 were $11,671.03—another drop of $1554.19. This decrease in the expense of the department is due to a general saving in miscellaneous expenses, such as stationery and supplies, printing and postage.

"During the year 1913, the department issued 7503 agents' licenses—1242 being for life insurance, 4600 for fire insurance and 1661 for miscellaneous insurance. There are 280 companies of various kinds licensed to do business in this state."

SHIPPING LIQUOR BARRED

Injunction Against Express Company Stops Lewiston's Supply.

LEWISTON, Idaho April 4. — (Special.) — Judge Steele, of the District Court, has issued an injunction against the Independent Express Company prohibiting it from soliciting or receiving liquor shipments. The injunction was issued on a complaint filed by County Attorney Johnson.

The express company operates a passenger and express line between Lewiston and Asotin, and it is charged that the line has been handling a great deal of liquor to supply a large demand in Lewiston.

The express company was recently investigated by the grand jury and no indictments were returned.

OFFICIALS INSPECT ROADS

Washington Engineer and Assistant Make Hike on Park Highway.

MORTON, Wash. April 4.—(Special.)—M. D. Mills, state road engineer, and his assistant, W. W. Coulter, were in Morton yesterday, to view the portion of the National Park Highway between this city and Mineral, on which the State of Washington will expend about $40,000 this year.

Construction is expected to begin by April 15. The plan is to complete seven miles of the road this season, and about seventy-five men will be employed, preference to be given to local alabor as far as possible. Messrs. Mills and Coulter made the trip from Morton to Mineral afoot to learn the present condition of the road.

BUMPER WHEAT CROP SEEN

Planters Predict Biggest Yield on Camas and Nezperce Prairies.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 4. — (Special.)—The Camas and Nezperce prairies are to see the greatest wheat yield in their history, according to reports of large planters. Winter wheat not only is in better condition than it has ever been, but the acreage is greater.

Conditions last Fall were ideal for planting. The unusually mild Winter helped it along and the Springlike weather of the past few weeks has had a beneficial effect. Wheat is commencing to stool well, and only a severe cold spell would do much damage.

Other crops are doing equally as well. Ten thousand acres will be sown to barley this Spring.

TON OF FLOUR IS MAILED

Parcel Post Shipment to Pierce City Is Weighed Four Times.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 4. — (Special.)—A ton of flour going from Nezperce to Pierce City by mail passed through the depot here, and although the flour is in 50-pound sacks, it is necessary to weigh it every time it is transferred in order to get the weight for the mail contracts. This means putting it on the scales at Nezperce, Vollmer, Lewiston and Greer.

A Spokane concern this week shipped 1000 pounds of crackers to local dealers on the Camas Prairie, the rate being 4 cents a 100 pounds less than freight on that class of goods.

DALLAS CAMPAIGN QUIET

Expected Fight Over Liquor Ordinance Fails to Develop.

DALLAS, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—The last days before the city election are not witnessing the warmth that has heretofore marked the campaigns in the city elections.

Contrary to expectations, the liquor ordinance referred to a vote of the people by a referendum petition, is not creating much excitement. But in two wards men who are prominent in the Prohibition party work are candidates for the Council, and are opposed by men who are recognized as being opposed to prohibition.

MEDFORD PLANT ASSURED

Acreage for Cannery Signed Up and Product Is Taken at Home.

MEDFORD, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—At a mass meeting last night over $400 was subscribed to complete the organization and construction of a $6000 cannery in the valley at once.

The site for the building has been donated by the Roguelands Company and R. D. Hoke has been selected as manager. Enough acreage has been signed up to insure a supply for the entire year and the Medford Grocery Company has agreed to market the total output. The plant will have a capacity of 100 cans a day.

New Power Plant Proposed.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—The Pacific Power & Light Company, which is now completing cement work on an extension of the Wapatox Canal in the Naches Valley, expects to push construction of the supplementary power plant which is to furnish some 5000-horsepower additional to the Naches power station. This is one of the three which supplies electricity to the whole southern and southeastern part of the state. The machinery is being constructed and probably will be installed by Fall.

Southern Pacific Sued for $25,000.

NORTH BEND, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—The Southern Pacific Railway Company was made defendant today with a damage suit for $25,000 brought by Mrs. George Wulff, whose husband died recently from the effects of being struck by the Southern Pacific motor car.

MAY QUEEN OF ALBANY COLLEGE POPULAR JUNIOR.

Miss Ruth Knowles.

ALBANY, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Miss Ruth Knowles, who has been elected May Queen for the sixth annual May day exercises at Albany College, is one of the most popular young women of the college. She was accorded the honor of being May Queen in a popular election. Miss Knowles' home is in Florence, Or., and she is a member of the junior class of the college.

Plans are under way for the annual festivities. Queen Ruth will name her maids, guards and other attendants within a few days.

LOWER TAXES IS CRY

Doom Awaits Douglas Aspirant Who Ignores Issue.

PRIMARY CAMPAIGN IS HOT

Benjamin Jones Throws Caster Into Ring as Opponent of Representative Hawley—Many Seek Office on County Ticket.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—With the taxpayers hardly recovered from the payment of the highest taxes in years, the voters of Douglas County are carefully considering the platforms of the several aspirants for office at the coming primary election with a view of electing only such men as advocate a wholesale reduction in the cost of operating state and county affairs. Any man who advocates the creation of more commissions, unnecessary appropriations and similar ideas is sure to meet his doom on primary election day.

This year's campaign in Douglas County seems to be unique when compared with previous elections. High taxes is the one topic discussed, and many of the candidates are being urged to declare their position on commissions and large appropriations. It is not the purpose of the voters to let the impression go out that they are against improvements and the support of bona fide institutions, for they are not, but they are merely opposed to unnecessary things to which heavy expenses are attached.

For Representative from Douglas County there are three candidates. Albert Abraham, ex-Senator, is making a campaign on a platform of efficiency, coupled with economy. He has been tried, he says, and is equipped to meet the wishes of the voters. He declares his candidacy is much the same as the 12 Portland men who are being urged to become candidates for the lower house.

Opposed to Mr. Abraham are Colonel J. G. Day, of Olalla, and Attorney O. H. Porter, of Roseburg. Mr. Day is a pioneer resident of Roseburg and has the distinction of being the builder of the Cascade Locks. Mr. Porter is a Roseburg attorney and is quite popular locally. All three of the candidates are active and each has a strong following.

For County Judge there are two candidates—D. J. Stewart, retired, and Attorney Reuben Marsters. Both are Republicans. This contest, so it is claimed by those who profess to know, will be the chief contest at this year's primary election. H. C. Darby, the Democratic candidate for County Judge, will have no opposition at the primaries.

Two candidates — James Sawyers, Republican, of Roseburg, and K. M. Mears, Democrat, of Myrtle Creek—have announced themselves as aspirants for County Treasurer. Mr. Sawyers is the present incumbent.

There are two candidates for County Clerk—Edward Lenox, Democrat, the present incumbent, and Ben Huntington, Republican, School Supervisor of the Southern Douglas County district.

Two candidates—Jefferson Wiley and Ben Nichols, Republicans—seek the nomination for County Commissioner. The Democrats have presented no candidate for this office as yet.

For Sheriff there are three candidates—George Quine, Republican, and present incumbent of the office, and Edward Singleton and Robert Ashworth, Democrats. Singleton is the present Constable of Deer Creek Precinct, including Roseburg. Ashworth was employed in the Sheriff's office under a former administration.

There are three aspirants for Justice of the Peace of the Deer Creek Precinct—Julien Josephson, ex-merchant of this city; L. B. Riddle, Circuit Court reporter, and C. W. Hopkins, a local attorney. All three are Republicans.

For Constable two men are thus far announced. They are: P. M. Mathews and Howard Church, both Republicans.

In addition to the above candidates much attention is being attracted by District Attorney George M. Brown, who aspires to the office of Attorney-General of the state.