

THE COMMONWEALTH OF OREGON.

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the power to veto single items in appropriation bills. It has long been a practice in legislative bodies for its members to embody in bills appropriating money for very necessary purposes, clauses providing that state funds shall be used for some purpose of which most of the members do not approve. Such clauses often merely provide jobs for party workers or bring about the spending of some of the state money in counties where politicians are seeking to build up a personal following. This appropriation brings money into the county and gives work to many and the legislator who claims the credit for getting it will stand a better chance of re-election or of election to some better office. Yet other legislators, although they know that the appropriation is not a wise use of state money, cannot vote against this clause in the bill without defeating the entire bill which is, in large part, very necessary. Money appropriated for political purposes is often called "pork." To do away with "pork" appropriations, the governor of Oregon is allowed to veto single items in appropriation bills and is thus made responsible for the proper use or waste of public money. How important it is that brave, strong men, men who are able to stand against political pressure, be chosen for the office!

There is also a department of the state government called the administrative department. The chief officers are the secretary of state, Sam Kozer, and the state treasurer, Thomas B. Kay. Like the governor these officers serve four year terms and are allowed to hold their offices only two terms in any period of twelve years. The secretary of state keeps the record of the acts of the legislative and executive departments, audits the public accounts, and is responsible for stamping the seal of the state upon all state official documents. The treasurer is the custodian of all state funds. Other state administrative officers provided for by law rather than by the Constitution are the attorney general, who is the legal adviser of state officials and the legal protector of the state's interests,

and the superintendent of the public instruction, who is the head of the public schools. I. H. Van Winkle is attorney general; J. A. Churchill state superintendent.

There are also many other administrative officers who are responsible for a great variety of duties. These are such as the labor commissioner, the land commissioner, the adjutant general, the state fire marshal, the highway commissioners, etc. All have duties which are of great importance to the people of the state. There are about forty of these officers, some of whom are appointed by the governor, others elected by the people. Upon their faithful and efficient performance of their duties depends in large degree the effectiveness of Oregon's state government.

In my next letter, I shall write of our judiciary system.

WE THANK THEE

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we Thank Thee!

STRIVING FOR BETTER THINGS

By Frank O. Lowden, in the Christian Herald.

IF THE spirit of the Bible were to enter and to hold the hearts of men for a single day, a divine restfulness would succeed the unrest which now menaces civilization. In the presence of eternal verities strife and discord disappear. Without faith in the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man is an idle dream. Humanity is about to enter upon the fairest, brightest day it has ever known, or to lose the gains which it, with infinite pains, has made during the Christian centuries which have come and gone. Which it shall be will depend largely upon whether we place our dependence upon the God of our fathers or upon the materialism which now seeks to rule all things.

RE-ELECT CRUMPACKER

"THE OREGONIAN" of April 29th says editorially:

"In the third district Mr. Crumpacker has shown in his first term a marked adaptability to the work of representative and has been active and successful in the promotion and the protection of the interests of his district. The Oregonian sees no reason why he should not be re-nominated and re-elected."

"THE PORTLAND NEWS" of April 27th says editorially:

"You see, Crumpacker works, even when he is playing. He has introduced 26 bills and seven of them have passed. Five more will likely pass this session. Seven have received unfavorable reports from departments and will not pass."

"COLLIER'S WEEKLY" says of him:

"It usually takes four or five years for anyone to know that a new congressman has arrived in Washington. "Stub" Crumpacker arrived in Washington the first Monday in December and is already the boon companion of the men who run the house."

Mr. Crumpacker is a member of the important Rivers and Harbors Committee where he can and will protect Portland's interests in the Longview bridge controversy.

Service men know that in him they have a friend in Washington who can and will work for their interests. Mr. Crumpacker's was the most potent influence in getting a veterans hospital for Portland. He was the co-author of the Oregon soldier's bonus law.

CRUMPACKER IS GIVING GOOD SERVICE.

KEEP HIM IN CONGRESS

Vote 21 X Crumpacker Republican for Congress

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