

TO PROSECUTE

Gov. West Says Sheriffs Must Get Busy

GENERAL CLEANUP IS PLANNED

Quiet Investigation Is Carried On By Governor—Several Mayors May Be Removed By The Chief Executive.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 14.—Either penitentiary or jail sentences, fines or dismissal from office confront several mayors, police judges and other city officials, as well as county officials of Oregon, including sheriffs, and district attorneys, according to an announcement made by Governor West today.

Unless these officials mend their ways in numerous localities, he declares, and stop winking at violations of law and ignoring their oaths of office, a blow will fall through the enforcing of a section of the code which so far as is known, has never been exercised in the courts of the state.

A quiet investigation carried on for several months through various channels now known only to the governor has piled up in the executive offices a vast amount of information, he states, which will be ready for use at the psychological moment.

Law's Provisions Strict. The provisions of the code under which he intends to operate are as follows:

"If any officer of this state, or of any county, town, or other municipal or public corporation therein, other than the governor, justices of the supreme court, or members of the legislative assembly, shall wilfully and knowingly charge, take, or receive any fee, or compensation, other than that authorized or permitted by law, for any official service or duty performed by such officer, or shall wilfully neglect to perform any duty or service pertaining to his office, with intent to injure or defraud anyone, or shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform such duty or service to the injury of anyone, or the manifest hindrance of public justice or business, whether such injury, hindrance, or obstruction was particularly intended or not, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than six months nor more than

one year, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than three months nor more than one year or by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or by dismissal from office, with or without either or any of such punishments."

Huntington, Sumpter and Redmond probably will be the first three towns in which the officials will feel the strong hand of the executive under the newly outlined program. Sheriff Balfour, of Crook county, will be one to fall under the governor's displeasure. This much has been picked up around the executive's offices.

Some time ago Governor West formally notified Sheriff Balfour of complaints which have frequently come into his office as to affairs at Redmond and other Crook county towns, it being alleged, particularly in regard to Redmond, that disorderly houses and their retinue, as well as gamblers and others of disreputable character, had flocked into Redmond.

Cleanup Is Expected.

The governor, with his formal notification, declared to the sheriff that he expected the civil authorities to take the matter in charge and clean up the conditions or the executive office would take the matter in hand.

At Huntington it is probable that Justice of the Peace Wood has not heard the last from the governor. His name figured in recent newspaper reports from that place. At Sumpter and Redmond it is reported that some of the officials have openly defied the governor. That these towns will be among others to come within the limelight through their officials and through the governor's latest policy, as announced today, is certain. It is probable that action will not be deferred for long.

As far as the move against sheriffs is concerned, there are two ways, it is stated, aside from the statute quoted, to reach them. One is through an action brought by the state on the bond of the sheriff and another is through a suit brought by taxpayers to enjoin payment of that official's salary.

"Under this statute," the governor declares, "it is possible to prosecute practically any public officer for failure or neglect to perform his duty, and the statute is so broad as to even make it a felony, whether the neglect was particularly intended or not."

"There are several municipal and other officers in this state who have been sitting idly by and allowing the laws and ordinances to be violated under their very noses. I have the 'dope' on a large number of such

officers, and when the time comes a bomb will be sprung which will not be an exceedingly pleasant explosion for some of them.

"There seems to be something of a problem as to district attorneys. If any district attorneys have neglected their duty and failed to perform their public services as they should have been performed, there is some doubt as to who should prosecute such district attorney, although I believe the code is broad enough to allow the court to appoint a special prosecuting officer."

Apparently the move at Huntington, the attack on the roadhouses in Multnomah county by the state militia, the various letters and conferences with some officials of other cities, are but the preliminary bouts to the main state battle which is scheduled for the near future under the direction of the governor.

At the present time the governor is mentioning no names, nor is he indicating any localities which he has in view. But he is emphatic in declaring that he has the evidence which will be sufficient to convict a number of prominent municipal and county officials in various sections of the state under the statute quoted.

LOCAL NEWS.

The only up-to-date goods—no others carried—from Alfred Peats Co., at Eastern prices at Fisher's paint store.

Among those who left today for Myrtle Point by way of the automobile stage are the following: Miss Gale, W. E. Morris, L. G. Crawford, J. W. Carl, M. Frater, B. A. Stifford.

I. R. Smith, of the Monogram cigar store, leaves for Junction City tomorrow morning where he will join his wife who is visiting with her parents in that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will not return here before September 1.

Sheriff George Quine this afternoon destroyed seven barrels of beer, the product of the recent raid of local soft drink emporiums. Without exception the kegs contained beer manufactured by the Roseburg Brewing & Ice Company, of this city.

District Attorney George M. Brown leaves in a few days for Curry county where he will attend the regular term of court. Mr. Brown has a couple of very important cases scheduled for trial in Curry county and it will puzzle him to get back to Roseburg in time for the special term of court which convenes on September 2.

With a large force of men and teams at work today, Contractor Arthur is making rapid progress in excavating for the basement of the new hotel. He hopes to have sufficient earth removed by next Tuesday or Wednesday to allow commencement of work on the foundation. The building will probably be completed and in readiness for occupancy by February 15.

That Roseburg is one of the most prosperous cities along the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad in Oregon was the statement of J. M. Martin, of Detroit, Mich., who arrived here last evening by automobile. Mr. Martin has traveled extensively during the past four months and has visited practically every town in Oregon north of Roseburg. Especially is he delighted with Roseburg's paved streets and cluster light system. "Your town has all the appearance of a metropolitan city," said Mr. Martin this morning, "and I can assure you that it is one of the most attractive towns I have visited." Mr. Martin left here this afternoon for Grants Pass where he contemplates spending a part of tomorrow. He is accompanied by his wife and two daughters and is making the trip in a Ford machine.



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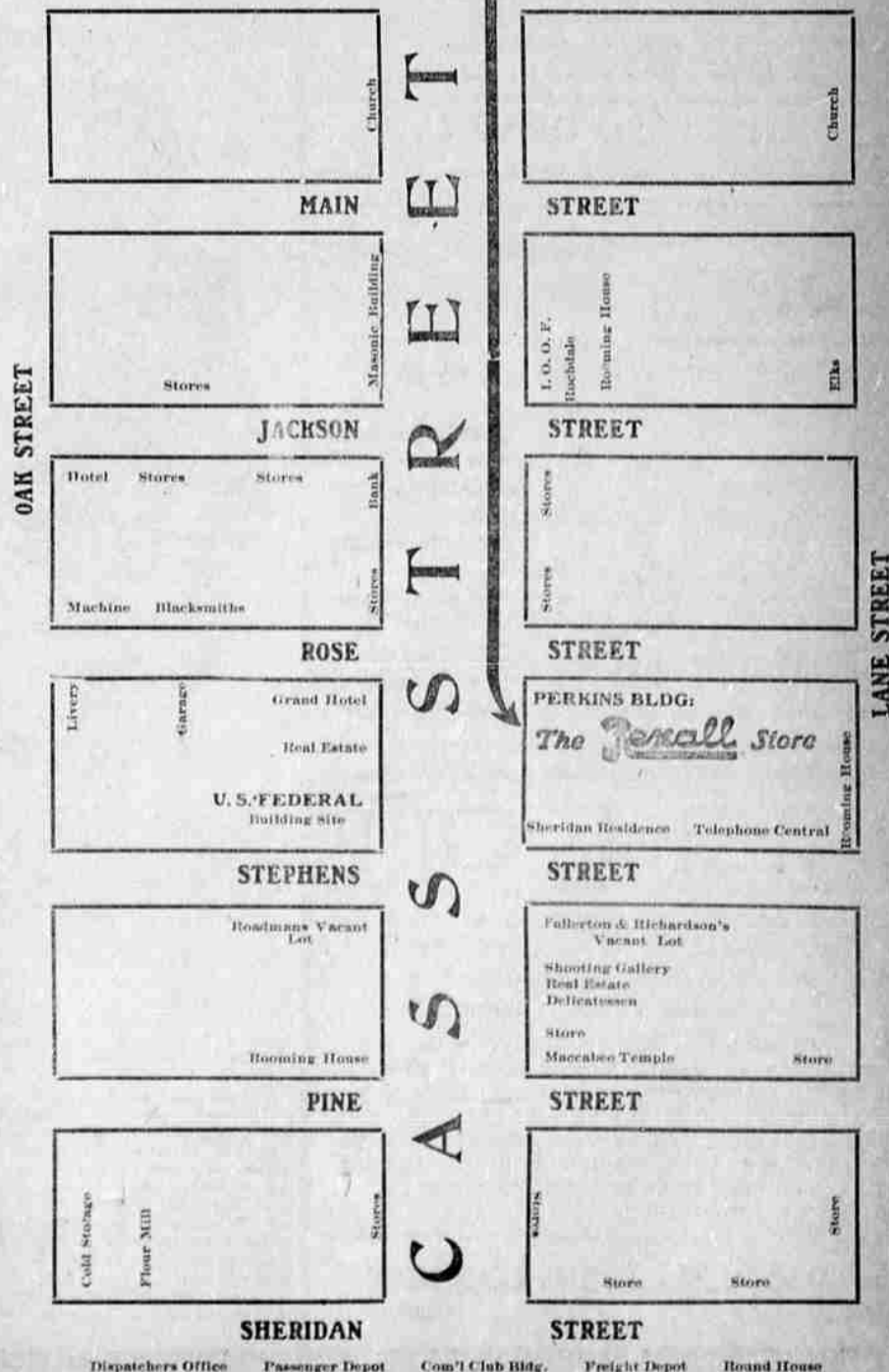
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