

## Survey of State Officials Pay

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SALEM, Nov. 23 (Special)—With many state employees now receiving or destined to receive substantial salary and wage increases under the new classification of the state civil service commission, there are a number of state officials who are wondering whether they will be the subject of any financial consideration when the next legislature convenes here early in January.

Several lawmakers here this week declared that the legislature might be slow to consider any salary boosts for state officials due to the action of the Portland voters at the recent general election in rejecting pay increases for the city commissioners. Most of those legislators agreed, however, that there should be a preferential in favor of the governor, who under the existing laws receives \$7500 a year. This is the same salary that is received by the public utilities commissioner and members of the supreme court.

### *Three Jobs Cited*

At the last legislative session bills were drafted increasing the salaries of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, but they were not introduced at the request of the three officials. The secretary of state and state treasurer now receive \$5400 a year, which is \$200 a year less than is paid to the three members of the state industrial accident commission. Reports here indicate that the 1947 legislature will be asked to increase the governor's salary to not less than \$10,000 a year and the secretary of state and state treasurer's salaries to \$6000 a year, provided such action is satisfactory to the officials involved.

Largest salary of \$12,000 a year is received by the chancellor of the state's higher educational system. Heads of the

two state higher educational institutions, the University of Oregon and Oregon State college, receive \$7500 a year and some other concessions.

### *No Mansion Furnished*

Much of the argument for an increase in the governor's salary is based on the fact that he is compelled to furnish his own home and receives no allowance for living expenses. In the states of Washington and California the governors are provided with a "mansion," and also are allowed a liberal expense account. Proposals to erect a "governor's mansion" in Oregon have been defeated by the legislature on several occasions.

Numerous salary increase bills also probably will be received during the 1947 legislature for the counties. It was pointed out that during recent years a large number of county judges and other county officials have resigned to accept positions carrying more attractive compensation, and in some instances it was difficult to replace them with competent men.

It is not believed that any attempt will be made at the legislative session to increase the salaries of the three state tax commissioners, who receive \$4800 a year.

The state civil service commission, in addition to recommending wage increases for many state workers, has suggested a 40-hour work week for these employees.

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A man who stops growing is dying.  
A man who stands still is going backwards.

A man who stops reading becomes stagnant.

A man who stops thinking is mentally dead.

A man who stops praying is spiritually dead.—Wm. J. H. Boetcker.