

IDAHO LEGISLATURE GRINDS OUT BILLS

(Special to The Argus.)

Boise.—A radical change in the legislative branch of the state government is proposed in a resolution introduced into the house by floor leaders of the republican majority, Representatives Johnston and Koelsch.

The resolution provides for the submission of an amendment to the constitution giving the state practically a commission form of government.

It provides to do away with the senate altogether and to reduce the membership of the house to 24, the members to be elected from 12 districts, and so devote their entire time to the legislative work of the state. It is provided that the members of the new legislative body shall receive stipulated salaries from the state.

Asks Constitutional Convention.

The necessity for calling a constitutional convention, the first in 26 years or since the constitution was drafted, was presented to the legislature by Senator Elliott of Bonner county. He introduced two companion resolutions, the first limiting the number of delegates to attend the convention to 50 and not less than 20, and the second setting forth the necessity of the convention. The latter includes the fact that 22 amendments have been added to the constitution and that there is a constantly increasing demand for many new amendments; that there are conflicting provisions and uncertainty in the fundamental law. The resolution calls for ratification for the convention at the general election in 1916 by the people.

Report Made Upon Treasurer.

The first report of Expert Gleason probing into the affairs of state accounts and funds was filed with Governor Alexander. It deals exclusively with the public building endowment fund, alleging a total of \$83,509.61 has been lost from this fund itemized as follows: Seventy-five thousand dollars lost by disposing of \$750,000 worth of capitol bonds sold at 4 and 2 per cent when they should have been sold at 4 per cent; \$2982.87 in overpayments to contractors and supply companies, and \$5526.85 expended from the trust fund for capitol maintenance.

Two New Counties Added.

The senate passed two county divisions which had already passed the house. These bills create Boundary county out of the northern part of Bonner and Benewah county out of the southern half of Kootenai county.

In the state senate a bill was introduced to repeal the section of the public utilities commission act passed by the last legislature, which requires public utility corporations to secure from the commission certificates of public convenience and necessity before entering any field in the state.

With a view of giving state assistance to the railroad connecting north and south Idaho, a resolution was introduced authorizing the governor to appoint a commission to make an investigation of routes and other matters in connection with the proposed road and report to the next legislature.

The legislature turned a deaf ear to the governor's plea for economy in the first action it took. Governor Alexander suggested in his message that \$50,000 was sufficient for the legislative appropriation, but the usual \$65,000 was appropriated.

PRESIDENT ORDERS INQUIRY OF PRICES

(Special to The Argus.)

Washington.—With the department of justice, under instructions from President Wilson, seeking to determine whether any illegal combinations are back of the recent sudden rise in foodstuffs prices and the departments of agriculture and commerce compiling figures showing the amounts of food supplies in the United States and the recent increases in exports, the government began vigorous efforts to cope with the food price situation.

In addition, legislation giving the president power to stop the exportation of foodstuffs whenever necessary and other bills designed to lower the prices were discussed informally at the capital, but there were no indications that anything along this line will be done during the present session of congress.

Supply Bills May Fail This Season.

Fears that no general legislation, including the government ship purchase bill, can be passed in the senate before adjournment of congress by March 4 are now being supplemented by apprehension on the part of administration leaders that some of the general supply bills also will fail unless a plan can be devised to expedite legislative business that has been dragging at a snail-like pace for several weeks.

Fifteen appropriation bills, including the District of Columbia measure, with its prohibition rider, now before the senate, are to be disposed of within six weeks, if the necessity of adopting joint resolutions to continue ex-

listing appropriations is to be averted. Naval Bill Reported.

The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$148,000,000, was formally reported to the house by the committee on naval affairs. It does not alter the two-battleship program. The submarine is declared to have proved its great value, but it is pointed out that battleships have been shown to be necessary for control of the sea in war. The bill increases the building program of the navy department by \$8,492,000.

The total number of vessels in the United States navy on July 1, the report summarizes, was 396, with a total displacement of 1,658,647 tons, of which 336, with displacement of 1,354,884, are "fit for service," including those under construction or authorized. Those listed as fit for service include 10 first-line battleships, 25 second-line battleships, 10 armored cruisers, 24 other cruisers, nine monitors, 50 destroyers, 19 torpedo-boats, 30 submarines and numerous other craft.

GARRISON ADVISES WAR PREPARATION

(Special to The Argus.)

New York.—Preparation for the defense of the United States in the event of war was advocated by Secretary of War Garrison, Henry L. Stimson, ex-secretary, and William C. Sanger, ex-assistant secretary, who were speakers at a discussion on the military requirements of the country at the republican club here.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Gidman I. Dingman, deceased, by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Malheur. Any and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them, duly verified as by law required, to the said administratrix at her home near Onatio, Oregon, or to her attorneys, McCulloch & Wood, in said city, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Done and dated and first published this 17 day of December, 1914.

HAZEL LAVERN DINGMAN, Administratrix.

APPLICATION FOR GRAZING PERMITS.

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, and sheep within the Malheur National Forest during the season of 1915, must be filed in my office at John Day, Oregon, on or before February 28, 1915. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making application will be furnished upon request.

Cy J. Bingham, Supervisor.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Malheur.

In the Matter of the Estate of Franklin H. Lackey, Deceased. Citation: To James A. Lackey, Andrew M. Lackey, Amos A. Lackey, John Murphy, Frank Murphy, Susan H. Lackey, John Lackey, Bettie Lackey Cox, Sallie Lackey McNea, Charles Lackey, Grace Lackey, and Andrella Lackey, being all the heirs of Franklin H. Lackey, deceased, and to all other persons interested in the estate of the said deceased.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: and under and by virtue of an order of the Honorable George W. McKnight, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon in and for the County of Malheur, duly made and entered in the matter of the estate of Franklin H. Lackey, deceased, on the thirtieth (30) day of December, 1914, you and each of you are hereby cited and required to appear in this court on Saturday, the 13th day of February, 1915, at the hour of one o'clock P. M., of the said day, at the Court House at Vale, Oregon, to then and there show cause, if any you have, why an order of said court should not be made, and entered authorizing and directing A. M. Lackey, as the administrator of the estate of Franklin H. Lackey, deceased, to sell at private sale the following described real estate belonging to the said estate, to-wit: Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, in block 239; lots 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, in block 109; lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 in block 32 and an undivided one-half interest in and to lots one and two in block 42, all in the City of Ontario, County of Malheur and State of Oregon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Court at my office in Vale, Oregon, this thirteenth day of (SEAL) January, 1915.

(Signed) JOHN P. HOUSTON, County Clerk.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County. In the matter of the estate of G. W. Morrison, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County, administrator of the estate of G. W. Morrison, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned, with the proper verification as by law required, at my office in Ontario, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

Dated January 14, 1915. Date of first publication, January 14th, 1915. Last publication, February 11th, 1915. C. MCGONAGILL, Administrator of the Estate of G. W. Morrison, deceased.

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Chicago to Build \$5,000,000 Subway. Chicago, Ill.—An appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the construction of a downtown subway was voted by the city council here.

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