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GOVERNOR WEST'S SUPPORT SECURED

GOOD ROADS CAMPAIGN BEGUN BY THE OREGON STATE ASSOCIATION.

ONE OF STATE'S GREATEST NEEDS

Plan to Issue Bonds Embraces Scheme to Let the Roads Over the State Help Pay for Themselves.

Governor West's strong endorsement of the Good Roads cause in his message to the Legislature has given the better highways movement tremendous encouragement and strength. "We may sing the state's praises to the sky and spend a fortune in advertising our resources to attract home-seekers and settlers," said Governor West, "but we will have but little success unless we can point to some movement toward the construction of good roads over which the products of the farm may be handled to market."

"Realizing how greatly the state was in need of good roads, and that through our slipshod methods of road patching thousands of dollars of the people's money was being squandered annually, a number of our public spirited citizens through their organization, the Oregon Good Roads Association, have thoroughly investigated the whole question of road building and I understand will submit to your consideration a number of bills which embody views and recommendations in the matter. Knowing that their recommendations are being prompted solely by an earnest desire to see this state gridlocked by the best system of highways in the world, and at the least possible cost to the taxpayers, I ask that the whole question be kindly given the most careful consideration by you."

With Governor West's support has been joined the promise of many legislators that they will support the good roads cause and the bills that have been framed to meet the good roads construction need.

Oregon good roads advocates are bending the strength of their united influence to secure adoption of five highway measures now pending before the legislature. These bills, made possible a good roads campaign in every county that will result in actual miles of road built. But the plans formulated by the Oregon Good Roads Association contemplate more than road building, they are intended to aid in the building of better homes, better schools, and to make farm work pay better.

The unit system of road building is recommended for every county. This means that each county aided by the state will construct its own highway system in the way most needed by that particular county.

Every unemployed man in every county will be given work in road building according to the present plan. He will be made a producer of wealth and an agent of development. Convicts will be taken from the jails and made to prepare material and in instances where it is desirable actually build the road.

Making of macadamized roads is recommended wherever possible. The State Highway Commissioner will have as a duty the spread of information explaining best construction methods.

The bonding act is not intended to saddle debt on counties. It is expected to make immediately available \$10,000 from the state fund for every \$20,000 secured by bonding. Future generations who will enjoy the benefits and pleasures of improved highways even more than the present will pay for the roads gradually. If roads were built on cash outlay the cost would come before the benefits. Under the bonding act the road itself guarantees the outlay, and the enhanced value of property, the facilitated transportation and the larger returns from effort, will meet interest and first cost. Good roads are an interest-paying investment.

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ASYLUM FINANCES SHOW A DEFICIT

DR. STEINER HAS BEEN BOTH EX-TRAVAGANT AND WASTEFUL, COMMITTEE SAYS.

APPROPRIATIONS ASKED CUT IN TWO

Figures Showing Per-Capita Cost by Year and by Month are Given by the Committee.

SALEM, Jan. 26.—(Spl.)—The legislative committee appointed by the last legislature to investigate and make recommendations as to the future of the insane asylum and the school for feeble minded has many caustic words for the past management of these institutions, winding up with a recommendation that the appropriation be pared and the necessary retrenchment and economies put into practice.

Taking it all in all the report cut the recommendations of Dr. Steiner in two in the middle. Certain recommendations of the Doctor were ignored entirely.

The report shows deficiencies in several instances where there should be fair working finances. Allegations of extravagance are to be seen throughout the report.

Among other interesting data furnished is a statement showing the cost per patient at each of the institutions, this cost being as follows: Asylum, \$12.55; Deaf School, \$24.35; Blind School, \$28.75; Reform School, \$25.50; Penitentiary, \$14; Feeble-Minded School, \$24.75.

Accompanying the report are two general appropriation bills which will immediately be printed. It also was decided in the Senate to furnish copies of the report for the use of the members, this being done both in the House and Senate.

In the report we find the following excerpts: We recommend for the institution for the Feeble-Minded an appropriation of \$77,250.

Five hundred and ninety-two thousand and one hundred and fifty-seven dollars is asked for the Oregon State Asylum for the Insane.

The per capita cost of maintaining the Asylum patients for the past six biennial periods has been as follows:

1901	.....	\$10,004
1903	.....	9,990
1905	.....	9,890
1907	.....	12,059
1909	.....	12,099
1911	.....	12,630

The per capita cost of maintaining inmates in the various institutions per month for the past biennial period has been as follows:

Asylum	.....	\$12.55
Deaf Mute School	.....	24.35
Blind School	.....	28.75
Reform School	.....	25.50
Penitentiary	.....	14.00
Feeble-Minded School	.....	24.75

SCANDAL GROWING.

The Probe Strikes Pay Dirt at Every Turn.

DANVILLE, Jan. 23.—(Spl.)—The more the scandal of election frauds is probed the greater the number of victims and the higher up the guilty parties. The City Attorney, Sheriff and a Judge seem to be guilty of gross error. Two newspaper men have been indicted for offering bribes if they would disappear and forget to come back. Loss of memory is at a premium. Indications are that many "high-ups" will be taken in the drag net and it seems as if the chance of covering up was long since past.

WHAT FARMER'S WEEK WILL DO FOR PUBLIC

FARMERS SHOULD SPEND WEEK AS STUDENTS AT STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

CORVALLIS, Jan. 21.—The annual Farmers' Week Course at the Oregon agricultural college has been set for February 13 to 18 and the plans for the work are being rapidly brought to completion. In addition to the regular lecture and demonstration work in fruit growing, orchard work, marketing, soils, drainage, farm management, stock raising, home management, insect and disease pests, butter and cheese making and kindred subjects, two special features in the form of discussions and demonstrations on the subjects of good roads for the state and irrigation in the Willamette Valley will be added to the program.

A large corps of special lecturers, many of whom are representative men of the college experts in carrying on the work. This has made it possible to fill every hour of the day from eight in the morning until ten at night with special features.

The work will deal entirely with vital problems which are claiming the attention of the people of Oregon. Those in attendance will be urged to bring up for discussion and demonstration subjects in which they are particularly interested and which pertain to the peculiar problems arising out of their experience and which are characteristic of their particular community. The work will be carried on very much in the form of a large farmers' institute.

FIRST SKIRMISH OVER ROAD BILL

GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION MEASURES GOES THROUGH COMMITTEE BUT IS CHANGED.

SEN. DIMICK WOULD LIMIT POWER

Highway Commission Must Serve Without Pay—Commissioner to Draw \$4000 and Have Supervision.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 24.—(Spl.)—The first skirmish over Senate bill 42 occurred in the Senate today and in the end the Good Roads Association measure won first blood. While it passed safely through a committee of the whole it had a number of amendments attached to it.

The first division arose over the creation of a highway board. In the skirmish Senator Dimick, of this county, created a sensation. He declared on the floor of the Senate that the association bills were "rather by road-machine men, automobile men and the promotion of a trunk line Pacific highway project."

"I want to ask if these measures are not the result of the moves of the road-machine men to put the county bond measure through at the next election," challenged Dimick. "The people who dig up the money should have something to say on this. I want to ask if those in the farming community, the men who have been digging roads for the last 50 years—I want to ask if they are not entitled to some consideration. Should the road men and the automobile men dominate the affairs here? If this bill is passed, I predict that the people will put the referendum against and defeat it."

"Under these association bills some counties will put more money than they draw down. You will create a highway commission, and because the road-machine men and the automobile owners are more clever as politicians than the farmers, they will dominate the board. It is poor policy to create another commission at this time. We have been hearing of the extravagant and lavish waste of other commissions and boards. Here on the Senate floor we have heard statements that have awakened the Senate to a realization of some things that are going on, and why should we create a commission, giving it full powers to handle money, as this bill does, when we should attempt to curb these commissions and boards. Here on the Senate floor we have heard statements that have awakened the Senate to a realization of some things that are going on, and why should we create a commission, giving it full powers to handle money, as this bill does, when we should attempt to curb these commissions and boards?"

The bill as amended provides for a highway board of three members, appointed by the Governor and to serve without pay. The board is to select a commissioner at \$4000 a year, to have general supervision. The commissioner's office shall be at Salem, and as amended by Dimick the assistant shall draw \$100 a month.

SECOND ANNUAL MEET OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

J. E. HEDGES CHOSEN NEW PRESIDENT—BUFFET LUNCH AND SOCIAL FOLLOW ELECTION.

The Oregon City Commercial Club held its second annual meeting in the club rooms in the Masonic building on Saturday evening. There was a full attendance and much interest. The business of the evening was the closing of the year's work and the choice of three members to sit on the Board of Governors, three members retiring at close of their terms of office—Messrs. Frank Busch, Dr. W. E. Carril and Dr. E. A. Sommers.

The retiring president—Tom P. Randall—read a message to the members in which he reviewed the work of the year and gave advice for the future such as only a man who has experienced the difficulties one must encounter is fitted to give. The message was received with much enthusiasm and many complimented Mr. Randall on the timely nature of his remarks.

When the ballots were counted in the election it was found that Messrs. J. E. Hedges, Harry E. Draper and Frank Busch were chosen to sit on the board for the coming year.

After the business of the evening had been completed by the club the Board of Governors met for the election of officers. The election resulted as follows: President, J. E. Hedges; vice president, John Adams; secretary, M. D. Latourette; treasurer, Frank Busch.

Following the selection of officers the members were bid to a buffet lunch, whose bounty was magnificent, and to which all did ample justice. A social season was next to follow, which was replete with joke and story, rounding out in its completeness the enjoyment of a pleasant evening.

APPLE MEN MEET.

Fruit Growers in the Northwest Will Form Union.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 24.—(Spl.)—Orchard men from three States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho met in convention in this city today to consider the question of forming an organization to perfect the methods of marketing fruit, especially apples, in this Northwest country. All the counties in this part of the State were well represented and there was much enthusiasm displayed. A permanent organization will be perfected. Clackamas county was well represented.

MEETING OF UNION SET FOR FRIDAY

MEMBERS TO BE ASKED TO "DECLARE" THE PORTION OF CROP WISHED SOLD.

FARMERS INVITED TO COME AND SEE

Four Matters of Importance Will Be Up for Consideration by Members at This Session.

The members of the Oregon City Fruit and Produce Union are requested to meet in the County Court room, in the Court House, next Friday, January 27, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. This is to be a business meeting and the officers and members are urged to be present. There will be several things up for the consideration of the members. This Union is to be run along the line of giving not only the officers, but the members as well, the fullest expression of their opinions in matters of importance to the Union. The things coming up for discussion and settlement are:

1. To consider the question of sending off for the spring supply of spraying materials. By buying in quantities, and as an organization, there will be a saving in price and greater care will be exercised in seeing that the best is supplied.
2. Reports are to be asked as to what the members have on hand that they wish the Union to market for them.
3. Members will be given opportunity to "declare" selves as to what they want the Union to market for them the coming season. That which is "declared" the Union officers must put to rest their best to market. That not declared the Union may or may not take when the time comes to market the product—if the Union has need of it at all well and good but if not it will not be its duty to hunt for markets for that part of the product of even its members.
4. A report will be had as to what perishable stuff the members have on hand to dispose of at this time.

All farmers and fruit raisers of Clackamas county who contemplate joining should be present to see what is being done and what has been accomplished so far. Also be on hand to study the question from a close place of observation and satisfy yourselves as to what this Union can do for you.

FRUIT AND PRODUCE UNION MEETS FRIDAY

OBJECTS AND AIMS OF UNION TO BE EXPLAINED—INVITATION TO ATTEND GENERAL.

The friends of the movement instituted by the Oregon City Fruit and Produce Union will meet in the County Court room in the Court House at 10 a. m. Friday, to discuss the proposition as it affects the members of the Union and the people of the county in general. This meeting will be held under the auspices of the Union and will be for the purpose of disseminating knowledge of and stimulating interest in the industry of fruit growing in Clackamas county.

Many people are interested in the movement, among them those who have not yet taken membership in the Union. All are invited to be present on this occasion and take part in the discussion. The Union is making satisfactory headway, but the larger the membership the stronger the organization. O. E. Freytag has been chosen as president, a warehouse leased near the S. P. railway and the doors of the warehouse will be opened for business on February 1.

At the meeting Friday speakers will be present to explain the objects of the Union and every farmer who is shown the advantages that may accrue to him will be invited to take membership with his friends and neighbors.

Committed to Asylum. Charles W. Sturgis, of Canby, was committed to the state insane asylum Monday by Judge Beatie, after an examination by Dr. H. S. Mount. Sturgis is 38 years of age and is extremely radical on Spiritualistic subjects. He was taken to Salem Monday night by asylum attendants.

HAWLEY ASKS RECOUNT.

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., January 18, 1911.

E. E. Brodie, My dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your issue of the 12th instant, relative to the official count of the people of Oregon City. I furnished this information at the request of the Commercial Club of Oregon City and when advised the number of people by the Census Office I thought it too small as I understood there were more people residing within the city limits of Oregon City than appeared by the official count. As requested by the Commercial Club, I have taken the matter up with Hon. E. Dana Durand, Director of the Census, and have asked that a recount be made. With best wishes, I am,

Truly yours, W. C. HAWLEY.

BIG BORAX DEPOSITS.

Lake County, Oregon, Has Deposits Equal to Death Valley.

What is said to be the second largest deposit of borax in the United States is located in Lake county and will be worked extensively during the coming summer. The borax lies in the Albert, Summer and Alkali Lake valleys and there have been 3400 mineral locations made within these districts. The borax is said to be almost pure and compares in value with the large deposits in Death Valley, Cal., and the Lake county beds are easily accessible at all times.

Two Important Cases. There are two cases to be tried in Justice Samsom's court next week. Lucas Brodovich will be put on trial for assault on Mrs. Bonnie Nelson on Tuesday, and the two Keller boys, charged with larceny on Thursday, Cal., and the Lake county beds are easily accessible at all times.

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CIVICS LEAGUE IS MAKING HEADWAY

PLANS FOR BEAUTIFYING PORTLAND ARE PRACTICALLY COMPLETED.

OLD PIONEER ROADS TO FORM BASE

Congested Part of the City Will Not Be Greatly Disturbed—River Districts Center of Improvements.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 21.—(Spl.)—Portland will be a city noted for its beauty when plans of the Civic Improvement League shall have been worked out, says Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, president of this organization. E. N. Bennett, the municipal architect employed to outline the scheme of city building, is due and he is to bring the completed plans upon which he has been at work for over a year.

"These plans," said Mr. Wetherbee, "provide for a city of 2,000,000 population and are based on the broad basis of civic beauty in its most modern form. We found we could do more by extending the old roads used by the pioneers to create the rotary or circular plan for Portland's streets by bringing the diagonal streets, the old roads used 50 years ago, into the heart of the city. All these are to be extended from their present stopping places until they touch the rim of the congested center."

"Burnside street is to be widened; blocks will be acquired on both sides of the river bridges, giving the traffic at these places an outlet so it can be moved expeditiously.

"A part of the plan is a system of skyline boulevards on the top of the hills to the west. Lower there will be another series of boulevards and still another at the foothills. These various driveways are all connected up with the parkway and boulevards on the lower levels, making a system that cannot be equalled in any spot in the world.

"The congested district will remain much as it is, except in the blocks bounded by Park and West Park streets. This line is to be the center of the boulevard running from the hills to the river. The five blocks in the center now owned by private interests are to be acquired by condemnation. At the foot of this strip will be the railway terminals and this line of blocks will be connected with the city hall which will remain where they are."

The beautifying of Portland means an added impetus to the beautifying of Oregon City, hence this work is one that interests the citizens in this, the most picturesque spot in this section of the Northwest.

ROSE PLANTING DAY WILL BE OBSERVED

GOV. WEST, MAYOR SIMON AND OTHER NOTABLE PERSONS WILL ATTEND.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—Washington's birthday will be the occasion of the annual rose planting here, this having become an annual custom throughout the city. Great interest is being taken in the forthcoming event by the people of the Peninsula district, who will hold special exercises.

The Peninsula Rose Festival Association has ten affiliated improvement clubs and all will have a part in the rose planting. Each club will make its own choice of roses to be planted.

The rose planting will take on statewide importance for Governor West will be one of the speakers, while Mayor Simon will represent the city. President Hoy, Manager Hutchins and Secretary Drake of the Rose Festival will participate, as will Mrs. A. C. Pantou, president of the Portland Rose Society.

President Sherbrook, of Seattle's rose society, will be invited to represent that city and speak on behalf of the Puget Sound rosarians.

While public rose planting will be confined to the parks and squares, there will be many bushes set out throughout the city by householders who take occasion on February 22nd to add to their rose gardens for the coming season. The coming Rose Festival in June will see a tremendous increase in blooming roses over any former year.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Program for the Meeting to Be Held at Canby.

The following programme has been arranged for the local institute for the teachers of Clackamas county to be held at the city hall in Canby on Saturday, February 4:

10:00, Primary Reading, Miss Lillian Anderson, Barlow; 10:30, Intermediate Reading, Miss Sade Evans, Mundorf; 11:00, Advanced Reading, Miss Roma Stafford, Oregon City; 11:30 Clackamas County Athletic League, B. Vedder; 12:00, Dinner served by Ladies of Canby; 1:30, Program by pupils of Canby school; 2:00, Civil Government, J. Dean Butler, Oak Grove; 2:40, Debating, Howard James, Estacada; 3:10, Arithmetic, C. E. Romig, Canby.

WARM INVITATION HAS BEEN GIVEN

COLONEL ROOSEVELT IS TO VISIT THE COAST IN APRIL AND MAY SPEAK HERE.

HIS TRAIN MAY POSSIBLY STOP

Portland Commercial Club Gets Busy in an Effort to Make His Visit a Red-Letter Day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(Spl.)—Senators Bourne and Chamberlain are in possession of a letter from Ex-President Roosevelt in which he tells them that early in April he will be out on the Coast, and that he expects to pass through Oregon City and Portland on his way East from a visit to San Francisco.

The Senators wish to inform their friends along the route of this proposed visit so that those wishing to see Colonel Roosevelt can take the necessary steps to do so.

In his communication to the Oregon Senators Mr. Roosevelt said he did not want to have Portland people feel that there was any need of preparing an entertainment for him or of having him speak during his visit in Portland, but that he did not want them to think he would go through the city without letting them know in advance.

The Senators feel sure that if the commercial bodies shall take the matter up, the ex-President will address the citizens of Portland, and they suggest that some of the commercial bodies take the matter up directly with Mr. Roosevelt, or with him through them, and they will be glad to do what they can to assist in having him entertained while he is in Portland.

Oregon City people who wish to see Colonel Roosevelt will likely be compelled to go to Portland as the Shasta Limited, the fast train on the South Pacific that will most likely bear this distinguished citizen on his journey, does not stop here. If this was a regular stopping place for this train there might be a chance to get the Colonel to say a few words to an assembled crowd, but unless the Commercial Club can induce the railway officials to permit him to stop, or he can be induced to travel on a train that does stop at all the larger cities, it will be necessary to go to Portland to see and hear Colonel Roosevelt.

Already the Portland Commercial Club has taken steps to formally invite the Colonel to become a guest of the city and to speak from one or more platforms while here. It has offered to provide entertainment and has especially urged the Colonel to make his passage through the city a time long to be remembered by Rose City citizens. So warm has been the expression of the club officials that it is believed the Colonel will gladly accept, and take that opportunity to address the people of Oregon at length.

BOURNE FATHERS LEAGUE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(Spl.)—The Republican Progressive League was formed in this city Sunday night. Jonathan Bourne is president. It has declared for the "promotion of popular government and legislation which have been thwarted and strangled by the special interests." Its declaration of principles is in line with its declaration.

TRUST CONTROLS SEA SAYS SENATOR LODGE

CHARGE MADE THAT COMBINATION HAS MATTERS IN THEIR OWN HANDS ON OCEANS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Advocating the passage of the ocean mail subsidy bill, Senator Lodge today, in a speech, charged that the transportation of American goods to foreign ports is under the control of a trust among foreign ship owners.

He said this combination controls business both on the Pacific and in the South American trade and that it has power to fix freight rates.

Lodge said that if enacted into law the Gallinger bill would put the combination out of business so far as it affects South America.

"As a result of permitting it to continue," said the Senator, "we are paying millions of dollars a year more for carrying our goods than are other nations. This is the cost of our indifference in allowing ourselves to be discriminated against by this foreign combination."

INCREASE IN SALARY FOR RURAL CARRIERS

CONGRESSMAN HAWLEY TELEGRAPHED THE NEWS TO POSTMASTER RANDALL TUESDAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(Spl.)—The contention for an increase for rural carriers has brought fruit in so far that the appropriation bill in the House was today amended so as to increase the salaries of rural delivery carriers to one thousand dollars a year. It is believed there will be no opposition in the Senate to the increase and that it will carry through both houses. In confirmation of the above Congressman Hawley is sending a message to your postmaster, as follows:

Washington, Jan. 24, 1911. Postmaster T. P. Randall, Oregon City, Oregon.

Dear Sir: We succeeded in amending the appropriation bill in the House today, increasing salaries of rural free delivery carriers to one thousand dollars.

W. C. HAWLEY.

No doubt this news will be received with much rejoicing by the men who are forced to be out in all weather.

Marriage License. The county clerk issued a marriage license Saturday to Miss Evelyn Hall and Earl Francis Mead, the latter of Portland.

SENATOR DIMICK HAS 8-HOUR BILL

THINKS THERE IS HOPE FOR IT IN THE SENATE, THOUGH DEFEATED BEFORE.

MAGONE WATCHFUL FOR FISHERMEN

Road Measures Have Friends, But There is Some Opposition From Farmers to Bonding Counties.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Spl.)—This far nothing has appeared in either branch of the Legislature seriously affecting the fishing industry on the Willamette River and its tributaries. With a membership on the fisheries committee in the House, Representative Magone is on the alert for any legislation which will operate to the disadvantage of the Oregon City fishermen.

Representative Jones has introduced a drastic bill regulating the sale of drugs and chemicals to be used for medicinal purposes. The terms of the bill conform to the provisions of the National Pure Food and Drug Act and make the standards established by Congress in these matters the measure of quality hereafter to be followed by druggists in this state in compounding prescriptions and the sale of other materials.

Senator Dimick's bill providing for an eight-hour work-day in all manufacturing plants operating for 23 hours in every 24 is now before the Senate committee on commerce and navigation. Senator Dimick is hopeful of securing the enactment of this bill at this session. It was defeated in the Senate two years ago after having been passed by the House.

One of the important bills before the Senate committee on revision of laws is a measure prescribing the manner in which additional territory shall be annexed to any municipality. It provides that the question shall be determined by a vote of the voters of the city itself as well as the voters of the territory to be annexed. Under the present law, unless proposed under the initiative when the entire state votes on the question, the determination of these annexation questions is left to the votes of the electors in the territory desiring to become a part of the municipality. There is a strong probability that this bill will be favorably recommended for passage by the committee.

Bills relating to construction of roads have been introduced both in the House and in the Senate. Some opposition has developed to the measure which proposes the issuance of bonds by counties for making these improvements. This is objected to by many of the farmers for the reason it is feared that in the expenditure of the money so provided much dissatisfaction might result from the action of the authorities in directing its expenditure in one section of the county to the disregard of other equally deserving localities. General support is given the bill which provides for state aid in the building of roads. These several bills, including the ones providing for the employment of state and county prisoners on these improvements, will receive the further consideration of the legislators at next week's session.

Probably the most important legislation to be considered at this session is the redistricting of the state into Senatorial and Representative districts. To date not a single bill on this subject has appeared in either House. There is a growing feeling in favor of creating separate Senatorial and Representative districts as recommended in the message of former Acting Governor Bowerman. While this necessary would slightly increase the membership of both branches of the Legislature it is contended that the distribution of representation would be far more fair than under the present system. Bills covering this subject are expected to appear next week.

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Senator Dimick introduced a bill requiring that the Secretary of State shall make a personal inspection of every voucher drawn and every warrant paid and that such shall be signed by him personally.

Woods has a bill providing that there shall be no deficiencies in state institutions and that where they do exist they shall be paid by the trustee responsible, or by his bondsmen.

A new system of paying salaries is provided by which vouchers are to be issued to the employee in person. But it is much like locking the barn after the horse has been stolen.