

MUST FILE REPORTS

Corporations Slow About Complying With Law.

SOME HAVE ALREADY PAID TAX

Secretary of State Dunbar Will Enforce the Law Strictly With All Companies Doing Business in the State.

SALEM, July 1.—(Special).—The Southern Pacific Company, of Kentucky, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, was among the corporations which filed its annual report in the office of the Secretary of State today. The Oregon & California Railroad Company, with a capital stock of \$10,000,000, also filed a report. The reports show that E. H. Harriman is president of both companies, that Richard Koehler has been appointed agent in Oregon and George H. Andrews attorney in fact.

Although the time for filing reports has expired, about 100 corporations presented their annual statements today. Those who are delinquent may report within 30 days, but after that time they will be subject to fine of \$100. All the leading companies are filing their reports as required by law and many are already paying their license taxes, although these are not due until July 15. So far as appears at the office of the Secretary of State there is no disposition to evade the law, for those who are late in filing their reports seem to have delayed through negligence. Some of those who have been talking of testing the validity of the law by suits in court have complied with its provisions.

Secretary of State Dunbar has no fear that the act of 1932 imposing a license tax will be declared unconstitutional, for similar laws in other states, requiring the payment of much heavier taxes, have been upheld. The contests in other states were based upon the contention that the corporations had already paid taxes upon their property and that the license tax laws were unconstitutional because they imposed double taxation. The courts held, however, that the license taxes were fees required as compensation for the privilege of doing business as corporations, a privilege expressly conferred by the state.

The general belief that the Oregon corporation tax law is constitutional is shown by the fact that companies represented by the leading attorneys of Portland have filed their reports without a protest. If there were any doubt about the validity of the law, these attorneys would be likely to know it. A few smaller companies have written to the Secretary of State expressing a doubt as to the validity of the law, but in every instance he informs them that the law will be strictly enforced and that companies desiring to maintain their right to transact business in this state as corporations must comply with its terms.

It is a fact, which has not been given much prominence, that the new corporation tax law will take a considerable slice from the income of the Secretary of State. Under the old law the Secretary was allowed to put in his own pocket small fees as the corporations were required to pay. This privilege is being taken and secured the passage of the new law and in enforcing it, Secretary of State Dunbar therefore works against his own financial interests, but in the interests of the state.

PIRATE INSURANCE COMPANIES. Fines Not Frequent Enough to Frighten Them.

SALEM, Or., July 1.—(Special).—State Treasurer Moore today received \$10, the amount of a fine paid by W. H. Biegel, at Astoria, for soliciting insurance for a company, not authorized to transact business in this state. Biegel pleaded guilty to the charge against him. This money will go into the general fund of the state.

Many complaints have been made in the last few months against agents who transact business in Oregon for companies that have not complied with the state laws. These complaints, among other things, that insurance companies shall make a deposit of \$50,000 in the state treasury for the protection of their policyholders. Companies authorized to do business in this state are required to pay the state a tax of 2 per cent upon their net premiums. By not complying with the law the insurance companies save a fine and the annual tax, and also avoid making the deposit of \$50,000.

So frequent have the violations of the law become that the Secretary of State has been compelled to issue circulars warning the people against agents of companies that have not complied with the requirements. Not long ago information received from the State Department that an agent had been operating unlawfully at Astoria, and the information was sent to the authorities in Clatsop County, with the result that a successful prosecution was had.

Some of the foreign companies which are unable to comply with the requirements of the law find that it pays to do business here and take chances on paying fines. They instruct their agents that in case they are caught they should plead guilty and pay their fines and then go to business as usual. Their experience is that the fines do not cost them enough to make that kind of business unprofitable. The companies really assume but little responsibility, for in case of loss they cannot properly sue the policyholder in this state from which the policyholder would enforce payment of his claim. Where losses are sustained the property-owner can be forced to compromise his claim upon almost any basis the company may name.

RIGADE STAFF ABOLISHED. Governor Chamberlain Will Not Appoint Successor to Beebe.

SALEM, Or., July 1.—(Special).—Governor Chamberlain has decided to discontinue the office of brigade commander of the Oregon National Guard. This means the cutting off of the entire brigade staff of ten officers and will result in the saving of about \$100 a year, which amount can be expended for the benefit of other branches of the guard or left unexpended in the treasury. The Governor has not put any one out of office, but some time ago Brigadier General Charles F. Beebe tendered his resignation, and the Governor accepted it. The resignation of the commanding officer carries with it the positions of the entire staff. The Governor has decided not to appoint a new commander, and with the discontinuance of the brigade staff all the expenses of maintaining brigade headquarters will be stopped. These expenses were chiefly for rent, light and clerk hire. Other expenses saved are the equipment allowances, salaries and expenses while attending the encampment, and mileage. The members of General Beebe's staff were: Lieutenant-Colonel George T. Willett, Assistant Adjutant-General; Lieutenant-Colonel Sandford Whiting, surgeon; Major Dan J. Moore, commissary of subsistence; Major R. S. Greenleaf, engineer officer; Major James Mel. Wood, ord-

ROBERTS TO BE EXTRADITED.

Appeal to Washington Supreme Court Without Avail.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 1.—(Special).—The fight against extradition by George Roberts, wanted in San Francisco for grand larceny, was ended today, when the Supreme Court declared Roberts' appeal void because of failure to appeal bond within the statutory time of five days. Roberts has been making an unusually determined fight against extradition. His application for writ of habeas corpus was denied by the Superior Court of King County (Seattle), and he gave notice of appeal, petitioned for an order remanding him to jail pending appeal, and then grounded the appeal of California's agent would forcibly take him out of the state without awaiting the Supreme Court decision if given into his custody.

The lower court refused to make the order and Roberts applied to the Supreme Court for a writ directing the Superior Court to issue the order. The Supreme Court today denied the application on the ground that the appeal being void, the lower court was without jurisdiction to enter an order. Roberts will be returned to California at once.

BLASTED OUT AN EYE.

Salem Man Victim of Premature Explosion.

SALEM, Or., July 1.—The unexpected explosion of a blast of steam powder in the county rockpit south of this city last evening resulted in the loss of an eye to Henry E. Dumas, and the narrow escape of two other men who were with him. Mr. Dumas and the two who were assisting him had lighted the fuses to six of the blasts, and all of them went off except one, and to all appearances the fuse upon this one had failed to burn. The men approached to investigate and relight it, but when they had arrived within a few feet, it exploded, blowing lead, the charge exploded, and all three men were knocked to the ground. Two of them were not hurt, but Dumas received a broadside of particles of rock full in the right side of his face, increasing it frightfully, while a much larger piece of rock struck him in the right eye and burst the ball to such an extent that it must be removed.

SENT THREATENING POSTAL CARDS.

Labor Editor Arrested in Union Fight on Los Angeles Times.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 1.—Eugene Linxweiler, editor of the Labor World and Secretary of the Trades and Labor Assembly of Decatur, Ill., has been arrested on a bench warrant, brought to Springfield and taken before Judge Humphrey, of the Federal Court, where he gave \$300 bond to await trial on the charge of sending threatening postal cards through the mails. Linxweiler had sent printed postal cards to Benjamin F. Butler of Boston, Mass., and other advertising requesters to cease advertising in the Los Angeles (Cal.) Times and threatening a boycott of their goods by organizing labor of Decatur if they refused to obey the request.

Last December the Decatur Trades and Labor Assembly voted to mail the postal cards in question to advertisers of the Times.

WASHOE SMELTER SHUTS DOWN.

Thousands Out of Work in Butte and Anaconda.

BUTTE, July 1.—The Washoe smelter at Anaconda was closed down today and 1000 men were thrown out of work there. This, resting upon Butte, necessitates the closing down of such of the Amalgamated mines in Butte as send their ore to the Washoe. In all, 3000 men are thrown out of Butte, Anaconda, and a difference in the payroll of \$5,000 a week.

WASHINGTON'S TREASURY BALANCE.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 1.—(Special).—The quarterly statement of the State Treasurer today shows balance in the treasury as follows:

General \$ 26,081
Military 12,254
Interest 29
State 67,253
Current school 27,243
Harbor 14,222
Cal. 1,000
Revolving fund, penitentiary 6,748
Cal. 5,542
Fish hatchery 5,627
United States 1,106
State 2,200
Scientific school 19,094
Cal. 1,100
Agricultural college 1,923
Charitable, educational, penal and other 26,888
Normal school 11,228
State Capitol Commission 138,900
Oyster 8,521
Balance \$1,071,179

NO MILITARY SERVICE FOR HIM.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 1.—(Special).—Father Hildebrand, rector of St. John's Catholic Church of this city, today took the oath of citizenship papers. Mr. Hildebrand leaves next week for a visit to his old home at Westphalia, Germany. Without evidence of American citizenship in his possession, a native of Germany, he was not eligible for military service. In taking out his final papers for citizenship, Father Hildebrand provides for this contingency, and avoids a possible protracted visit to his native country.

SNOW FALLING AT BUTTE.

BUTTE, Mont., July 1.—Snow started to fall here at 4 o'clock this afternoon and the indications are that the fall will be heavy. Butte has snow on almost every Fourth of July.

PACIFIC COAST NOTES.

Miners at LadySmith, B. C., although beaten are very bitter. The Western Conference of Electrical Workers at San Francisco yesterday issued a statement reporting satisfactory progress of the linemen's strike all along the coast. Dr. D. L. Mitchell, of Olympia, lost the civil suit brought against him by Dr. Le Combe, of Michigan, and will have to pay \$154.74. Mitchell was alleged to have made a take-off on land deals. Thomas C. Wawell, who has withdrawn from the postures of the University Corporation of the University at Seattle and from the ministry, will take up his old work which he followed prior to his entering the ministry—a planter in a sawmill. Henry Turner, a widower, aged about 40 years, is missing from Grays, Wash. His house, in which he lived alone, was found in order, but empty. Turner's wife and two children were destroyed in the Multnomah County fire of a year ago. His loss left his mind unbalanced in a measure. The complete returns of the school census of Tacoma have been received, showing that there are a total of 11,967 children of school age in the city, as against 11,283 last year, or a gain of 168. The census-taker found 31 defective youths in the city who will be reported to the County Commission. Yesterday C. B. Reed, formerly a member of the Washington State Board of Control, entered formally upon his duties as the Superintendent of the State Reform School at Chehalis. He succeeds T. P. Westerman, who resigned recently under pressure. Jesse T. Mills, ex-Sheriff of Thurston County, today succeeded Mr. Reed on the Board of Control.

LITTLE CHILD IS LOST

CORVALLIS CITIZENS TURN OUT IN HUNDREDS TO SEARCH.

Grandfather Comes Down From Cherry Tree to Find No Trace but Her Little Empty Bucket.

CORVALLIS, Or., July 1.—(Special).—Hundreds of people in this town tonight are searching for a missing child. The hunt began at 4 o'clock and as darkness was closing down for the night the fire-bell was rung to spread the news and to call out additional searchers. The child, if alive, will be 6 years old tomorrow. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McCready. At 1 o'clock this afternoon she went with her grandfather to pick cherries at E. W. Strong's house, near the bank of the Willamette, in the north end of town. When the grandparent was up in the cherry tree at 4 o'clock, the child disappeared. When he came down her empty bucket sat near. He supposed the child had gone home to avoid the shower of rain, and continued at his work. He reached home at 3 or 4 o'clock to find that the little one had not appeared there. Then the hunt began, and it is still on, with hundreds of people deeply interested in the outcome. One citizen reports having seen a child answering the description of the missing one playing alone on a boom of logs in the river before the cherries were picked.

APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S STAFF.

Major Joseph Baumgartner.

SALEM, Or., July 1.—Governor Chamberlain today appointed the following persons as members of his staff in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the Oregon National Guard. D. L. Houston, of Portland, Aid-de-Camp, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; William W. Moore, of Portland, Aid-de-Camp, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; William G. Beach, of Portland, Aid-de-Camp, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. These men succeed C. A. Johns, of Baker City; J. A. Wright, of Sparta, and M. W. Hunt, of Salem. Joseph Baumgartner, of Salem, was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General, with rank of Major, to succeed J. Hughes, of Salem. H. McCulloch, of Sumpter, was appointed Chief of Engineers, with rank of Colonel, to succeed I. N. Day, of Portland. These appointments are entirely honorary and involve no expense.

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Month's Weather at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., July 1.—(Special).—According to the records of Weather Observer Johnson, the following weather conditions existed in Astoria during June: Highest temperature, 57 deg., on the 8th; lowest temperature, 42 deg., on the 1st; rainfall, 3.7 inches; average precipitation for the corresponding month of previous years, 2.9 inches. The only unusual occurrences during the month were heavy electrical storms on the 14th and 15th.

Pursuit of Insane Murderer.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 1.—Deputy Sheriff Darrin is still in the field in pursuit of F. Smith, who killed Deputy Marshal Parsons, at Centralia, last night. Sheriff Trubhart has gone to Walla Walla with a prisoner. Nothing encouraging is reported as to the probable capture of Smith.

GRASS VALLEY, Or., July 1.—(Special).—A serious case of typhoid fever and pneumonia, which had been in progress for several days, was reported today.

Funeral of Louis H. Barr.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 1.—(Special).—The funeral of the late Louis H. Barr was held from the Methodist Episcopal Church today, a large attendance being had. He was a member of the United Artists and the Grand Army of the Republic, and these orders conducted the services. The deceased had lived in this city for many years, and was universally respected. He left a widow and one daughter.

Miss M. M. Burton.

NORTH YAMHILL, Or., July 1.—Mary Margaret Burton, aged 20 years, daughter of E. R. and Mary Burton, died at their home in North Yamhill Tuesday afternoon from a complication of typhoid fever and pneumonia.

Lyman Way Forfeits His Bond.

ASTORIA, Or., July 1.—(Special).—Before adjourning the session of the Circuit Court last evening Judge McBride issued an order declaring the bonds of Lyman Way forfeited. Way was arrested some time ago on the charge of stealing and was released on \$200 bonds to appear for trial on June 25. He has not been seen since. His bondsmen are John Finkley and ex-Sheriff Frazier, of Portland.

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