

WHO IS GOVERNOR?

Chamberlain Is Absent From the State.

HIS SECRETARY DOES WORK

Technical Objection Likely to Be Raised as to the Sufficiency of Signature of Man Left in Charge at the Capitol.

SALEM, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—Who is Acting Governor of Oregon?—A question that is likely to be raised any time now, because of the absence of Governor Chamberlain in St. Louis. Private Secretary W. N. Gates is conducting the business of the executive office the same as though the Governor were here, and intends to do so until the Governor returns. In all ordinary transactions his acts on behalf of the Governor will go unquestioned, but it is quite probable that some important business will be up in which some person will be interested in raising technical objections and then the sufficiency of the private secretary's signature will be questioned.

The constitution provides that in case of the death, resignation or inability of the Governor to discharge the duties of his office, the same shall devolve upon the Secretary of State. Whether the absence from the state constitutes disability is the question that will be raised.

About a year ago Governor Chamberlain went to Mississippi, and during his absence the Governor of California issued a regulation upon the Governor of Oregon for the extradition of a criminal. Mr. Gates, acting for the Governor, granted the regulation and signed the Governor's name to the warrant of arrest. The defendant brought a habeas corpus proceeding in Multnomah County, contending that the Governor's absence constituted disability and that only the Secretary of State could act in his stead. The judge who tried the case took this view, and a writ of habeas corpus was granted. The Governor's absence was held to be a disability, and the writ was granted. The Governor's absence was held to be a disability, and the writ was granted.

Most of the state constitutions prescribe absence from the state as one of the contingencies which disqualify the Governor. The constitution of Oregon is silent on this point, but the constitution of Oregon is silent on this point, but the constitution of Oregon is silent on this point.

TWO HATCHERIES ARE IDLE.

Funds Insufficient for Plants on Walla and McKenzie.

SALEM, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The salmon hatchery stations on Walla and McKenzie Rivers will remain idle this season because of lack of funds, according to the report of Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen, filed today.

"I regret this condition," says Mr. Van Dusen, "for we get a good early chinook salmon on both of these rivers, and the stations are both very promising and should not be allowed to remain idle."

"This will leave us only three plants tributary to the Columbia River that will be operated this season—the Salmon River hatchery, Clackamas hatchery and the Ontario hatchery."

On Salmon River fish racks were put in more than a month ago, and fish began appearing on the racks in June. Both began appearing at the Clackamas hatchery in the middle of June, and at both of these places the prospect is good for a successful season's work.

Work is being done on the Umpqua River, but nothing is doing at the Yaquina hatchery yet, as that is a Fall stream.

The receipts of the Fish Warden's office for June amounted to \$676.30.

BASEBALL AT CHAUTAUQUA.

Five Teams Will Compete for Honors at Gladstone.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—Five teams have entered the baseball tournament that will be held at Gladstone Park in connection with the sessions of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua, July 12-14 inclusive. The teams are: The Willamettes and the Y. M. C. A. of Portland; Chemawa, Vancouver and Oregon City. The following schedule of games has been arranged by the Chautauqua management:

July 12, Willamette vs. Oregon City; July 13, Y. M. C. A. vs. Chemawa; July 14, Oregon City vs. Vancouver; July 15, Y. M. C. A. vs. Willamette; July 16, Vancouver vs. Chemawa; July 17, Oregon City vs. Y. M. C. A.; July 18, Willamette vs. Chemawa; July 19, Vancouver vs. Oregon City; July 20, Vancouver vs. Willamette.

An appropriation of about \$200 has been made by the Chautauqua Association to compensate the players. The grandstand that is being erected at the athletic grounds at the Chautauqua will be completed in time for the opening game.

BURNED BY FALLING LAMP.

Woman Is Dead, Husband in a Critical Condition.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elsie Dennis was burned to death at her home on North Ankeny avenue last night as the result of a lamp exploding in the hands of her husband, who is in a critical condition from burns sustained. He was starting to go upstairs and had the lamp in his right hand. At the foot of the stairs he called his wife to make her shoes. He slipped and the lamp fell to the bottom into the burning oil and woodwork. In a moment he was a mass of flames and he rushed into the street and jumped into the ditch, where they put the fire out. Dennis was so thoroughly burned that he became crazed and ran away down the street.

It is supposed that Mrs. Dennis came to the head of the stairs and caught fire, when she faltered and fell on to the floor at the foot of the bed. She was burned into an unrecognizable shape. She was 30 years old and was the daughter of Charles Hignobotham, of Kettle Falls, Stevens County.

CAPITOL A DINGY BROWN.

Washington Commission Will Force Contractor to Change Color.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 6.—(Special.)—The State Capitol Commission went on record today as refusing to accept the new Capitol annex until the contractor has restored the color of the stone that has been turned a dingy brown by the application of acids, and also until cer-

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Mr. McNutt's wife and family resided in Indiana, and were there at the time of his death. He was about 50 years of age.

Mrs. Alla Crumling.

HALEY, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The death of Mrs. Alla Crumling occurred near here June 28. Mrs. Crumling was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Githens, who are old and highly-respected citizens of Haley. She was born October 27, 1877, and spent most of her life in Haley, where she was beloved by all who knew her. In April, 1904, she was married to H. Crumling, and since her marriage had resided in Portland, where she has won a host of friends. At the time of her death she was visiting her parents near Haley. The funeral occurred at Haley July 1, the body being interred in the family lot near that place.

D. H. Kennison.

ECHO, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—D. H. Kennison, aged 72 years, died here today. He was a native of Ohio, and was, except Mrs. Ella Herndon, of California, live here. Mr. Kennison crossed the plains in 1861.

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THE DALLES, Or., July 6.—The first witness for the state this morning in the Cello right of way trial was Lieutenant Price, of the United States Engineers, whose testimony was a technical nature and tended to show the feasibility of cutting the canal without injuring the fishing apparatus and canals of I. H. Taffa. He showed that the greater part of the canal would be under high-water mark, and that it would be properly bridged for the defendant. It would only interfere with one building. In the afternoon, H. Clum, an expert machinist, went on the stand to show cost of changing the Taffa plant to conform to the canal right of way. He estimated it at about \$10,000. The state's case closed