

McMILLAN'S FALL PLEASES OLYMPIA

Dusted Commissioner Said to Have Weakened Mead Administration.

GOVERNOR IS STRONGER

Act Will Probably Kill Legislation Prepared Against State Railroad Commission—Dramatic Fight of Coon.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The report that John S. McMullin has resigned from the Railroad Commission, news of which reached here today, was received with pleasurable surprise, and on all hands the expression is general that this has relieved Governor Mead of a most flagrant sore on the administration. Since his appointment, McMullin has accomplished nothing for the state, beyond the doubtful honor that comes from the fact that he has been elected president of the National Association of Railroad Commissioners, receiving 50 per cent more salary than the Governor, and double that of a Justice of the Supreme Court. McMullin has rendered practically no service.

The very fact that he has done nothing since his removal from office, affords a strong argument in favor of his removal. It is easy for an executive to justify himself by saying that he has done nothing, but incompetent baronies are hard to shake off for purely negative causes. Even to his closest friends here, neither Mead nor McMullin gave the slightest hint of resignation.

Mead Has Found Himself.

Mead's prompt acceptance and equally prompt tender of the position to McGraw are thoroughly characteristic of the present state executive. He has changed greatly from two years ago. Then he sought constant advice in his private life, and in his official life, but now he has found himself and acts solely on his own best judgment, and that without delay. This was first noticeable in the case of Kea, and the appointment of Matt Ties to the Board of Control and later in the summary dismissal of Oil Inspector Coon.

With McMullin out of the commission, much of the ammunition the anti-administration legislators had gathered for use against Mead is now worthless. It is measurable that the Governor will not be participated in any legislative scheme as this. This time the members of both houses, in addition to the regular program, had been paid their mileage, 10 cents for each mile, and from their homes, and this easy money was burning to be spent where opportunities for extravagance and dissipation are more numerous and diversified than in Olympia.

Some Work on Bills.

Quite a number, however, remained here and went to work on their bills. Senator Graves and Representative Reid, chairman of the judiciary committee, were in frequent consultation regarding bills. The two most important they have worked out and agreed upon are the law providing for a constitutional amendment to permit the institution and referral of bills in the regular procedure in the cases of the criminally insane.

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McMillan Proves Reticent.

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