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## ROCKS AHEAD FOR COSGROVE'S PLAN

Filling of Offices by Personal Friends Has Resulted Disastrously.

## MEAD LEARNED BETTER

Found It Necessary to Select Men Especially Adapted to Work in the Several Departments—McBride's Friends Turned.

BY J. H. BROWN.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Assuming that Governor-elect Cosgrove was correctly quoted in published statements that he purposed filling all state positions at his command with personal friends, the next Legislature will have to decide whether it will approve this policy or whether it will endorse the recommendations to be made by Governor Mead that the state institutions be placed under civil service.

Admittedly civil service in practical operation has to a large extent resulted chiefly in retaining incompetents in office, but it may be Governor Mead may evolve a plan which would eliminate that bad feature and retain all the good features of the plan.

There is no question that those persons in charge of the wards of the state, the insane, the deaf, the blind, the feeble-minded and the old soldiers, and for that matter, also the incorrigibles and the criminals, should be selected, not from political pull, but for special ability and training in the line of the work. Their tenure should not be insecure, subject to political changes and an additional provision should be made for promotions through merit.

## State Salaries Not Large.

To begin with, the hundreds of state positions in the different institutions are none of them sinecures. There is a popular delusion that state positions carry extravagant salaries and require little work. The facts are that aside from a limited few higher offices in each institution, the average salary paid by the state to institution employees is less than \$60 a month, and few, if any, of the positions would be acceptable to any but those who have special inclination for that class of work.

As a matter of fact, probably 50 per cent of the employees of the state institutions today are strictly speaking non-residents of Washington. They came to this state seeking employment and have had experience in other state institutions, or hospitals. Anybody of any ability who has lived in Washington for more than a year has learned that he can get lots better pay for his work outside of the state's employ.

Should Cosgrove try to put his friends into state institutions, he will make a great mistake. In the first place, if the appointees are selected from political pull rather than fitness, the result will be disastrous to the unfortunate victims, the wards of the state.

## Political Favor Disastrous.

Experience has also shown that such a policy is disastrous to the political fortunes of the executive. McBride tried it and instead of building up a political machine that would help him, it is a known fact that a large number of the employees contributed to a purse

to be used in the campaign of the Democratic candidate for Governor.

Mead tried it when he was new in office and paid some political debts and in the last campaign aside from a few of the higher officers the employees, none of them, made special efforts to Mead's behalf and many of them worked for the success of rival candidates.

Mead learned very quickly politics would not do in state institutions and it is a rather peculiar fact that two of the men who had served under Governor McBride, who were discharged by Mead early in his term, were later brought back by the present executive and given better positions than they formerly occupied. These were S. C. Woodruff, whom Mead discharged as steward of the Fort Stollacoom asylum and later brought back to make him superintendent of the State Institution for Feeble Minded at Medical Lake, and G. C. Aspinwall, former bookkeeper of the Board of Control, who after a brief absence returned to become secretary to that board.

## Fitness Best Requisite for Office.

These men returned to the state employ because they were sought for their peculiar fitness for the positions. Statements to the contrary notwithstanding, Governor Mead has honestly endeavored to make fitness and ability rather than personal preference the determining factor in his selection for the state institutions. This is evidenced in many ways. For instance, just today it was learned that Thomas P. Clarke, Superintendent of the State School for Deaf and Blind at Vancouver, is a Democrat. The question of his politics has never been considered. When his appointment was made, the Board of Control went into Oregon, where he was making a reputation in that line of work, and induced him to accept the position as his politics and his knowledge of the best man available for the work.

Some time ago when F. S. Thompson was appointed superintendent of the State Institution for the Insane, the Board of Control announced the appointment at its office. I at once asked concerning Thompson, his politics and qualifications. The Governor and members of the Board of Control were able to furnish me with complete information as to Mr. Thompson's ability and record as an educator and his inducements for the position, but they refused to furnish me with his knowledge of the best man available for the work.

Education, training and fitness are the requisites for appointments today in institutions. Politics plays a minor part, and it certainly would be well for the state if these conditions could be continued as they cannot be continued unless some form of civil service is adopted, and at the same time there is that old, old danger that unless the rules are carefully drawn, incompetent persons may get through the examination and land in berths from which it will be almost impossible to dislodge them, and the higher officials, who are selected, will to a large extent weaken the power and effectiveness of the administrative department, in its management of the institutions.

## JAP SLAYS COUNTRYMAN

Fatal Encounter on Board Iyo Maru on Seattle Waterfront.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Tolero Aoki, a Japanese fireman on the steamer Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, was stabbed to death by Sinsaku Ito, an officer in the forecastle of the steamer at the Great Northern docks, Smith's Cove, this afternoon.

In the fight which resulted in the murder Ito was struck several times in the face and in out above the right eye. Ito, the man who stabbed Aoki, is held a prisoner at the City Jail. He was taken there today by Patrolmen M. H. Hubbard and Frank Keefe, who had been sent out to the steamer immediately upon the receipt of the news of the cutting affair at police headquarters.

It admits that he stabbed Aoki, but declares he is only in self-defense, and used Aoki's knife to do the work. Aoki dropped to the deck and died within a few seconds. Those who witnessed the fatal fight rushed out to the forecastle and the news of the cutting affair soon spread. The dock officers were notified and through them the police.

## MOB IS SCATTERED

Police Foil Attempt to Storm Seattle Jail.

## RIOTOUS NEW YEAR'S MORN

Revelers Resent Arrest of Peace Disturber and Surge About Jail Door, Demanding Release of Prisoner.

## SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—

Following the arrest of Thomas Patterson, on Washington street, at 2:30 o'clock this morning, a mob of more than a thousand men and boys stormed the City Jail, calling for the release of the prisoner. It was only by using every reserve officer at headquarters, including the force of clerks and detectives on duty, that Captain D. F. Willard, the officer in charge, cleared the steps of the police station and scattered the rioters from in front of the City Jail. It was with orders to disperse the mob without force if possible, but to use every necessary force if required, that the policemen, led by Captain Willard, charged the crowd that was at the time surging up the steps at police headquarters.

The members of the mob fell before the show of force and a few blows from fists and the use of a little ole leather judiciously administered served to disperse all but a few of the rioters. The others were given a little shaking up by the reserve patrolmen and then sent on their way with the others of the crowd.

## Merrymakers Abuse Leniency.

The police in charge of the business section of the city New Year's eve and this morning were acting under instructions to make as few arrests as possible. They did not have orders to tolerate any lights or genuine disturbances, but rioters were given a little shaking up by the reserve patrolmen and then sent on their way with the others of the crowd.

On Washington street, the haunts of the working class, the orders to show leniency were taken advantage of. There were many fights and cases of disorderly conduct there, that ordinarily, the officers say, would have resulted in arrests. Policemen separated fighters, sent disorderly drunkards on their way, but in every instance where police found it necessary to interfere there were cries of "Mob the copper!" "Kill the police!" and utterances of that sort.

## Beer Bottle Hurlled at Officer.

Sergeant William Kent, with Patrolmen Gay and Foleick, found it necessary to arrest Thomas Peterson, a laborer, as one of the men who had been making the utterances against the officers and making remarks that tended to incite a riot. Sergeant Kent had Peterson under arrest and was starting to walk with him to police headquarters when someone in the crowd that gathered following Peterson's arrest threw a beer bottle, which struck Kent on the shoulder. Other missiles were thrown, but they did not strike their targets.

The patrolmen who had been with the sergeant made an effort to ascertain who had thrown the bottle which struck the officer, but were unable to do so. Failing, they tried to disperse the crowd that filled Washington street from sidewalk to sidewalk. The crowd following behind Sergeant Kent and his prisoner as he led him to the City Jail hurled abuse at the officer who had charges of the prisoner and the police in general. The officer was not attacked again, but the crowd surged about the steps of police headquarters, making remarks that they would get

their man out of jail and that they would break into the police station.

## REVENUE ON INHERITANCE

State of Washington Secured \$55,000 on Annual Income.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The inheritance tax law results in producing an annual income of \$55,000, according to the biennial report of the State Tax Commission now being prepared.

This report shows that during the first four years the law was in operation, ending June 30, 1908, the total receipts from this tax was but \$63,175.35. Later this collection of the tax was placed with the Tax Commission and in the two years ending June 30, 1908, the Commission collected and turned into the Treasury \$111,022.81.

The Commission says that 2274 cases for the collection of the tax are still pending in the courts.

The report also refers to the fact that foreign countries have protested to the National Secretary of State that a law passed by the last Legislature violates treaty agreements in that it levies a heavier tax on property passing to non-resident foreign heirs than is levied where the heirs reside in the United States.

As a whole the Commission declares the inheritance tax law is a model one and the only amendment suggested is one requiring the last Legislature to make all estates to be sent to the Commission.

In its report the Commission will recommend a new law which will cut off the right of inheritance of collateral heirs beyond the third degree of relationship.

## EUGENE MAN DROPS DEAD

Peter Nye Expires in Store as Result of Heart Trouble.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Peter Nye, a well-known resident of East Eugene, died suddenly of heart trouble in the Eugene Commercial Company's store in Fairmount this morning.

Mr. Nye had been making some purchases at the store and was sitting on a stool when suddenly he fell to the floor on his face, dying almost instantly.

Peter Nye was born in Ohio in 1844. He was married in 1868, and came to Eugene in 1879. He owned and operated the Nye stone quarries in East Eugene, which have supplied most of the stone for local building purposes for several years. Besides his widow, Mr. Nye leaves three children, Ed, Nye, Mrs. Nettie Hunter and Mrs. Hammie Grace.

## EUGENE INVITES GROCERS

University City Wants State Convention in 1910.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—At a joint meeting of the Eugene Commercial Club and the Merchants' Protective Association held here this afternoon it was unanimously decided to invite the members of the Oregon Merchants & Grocers' Association to hold their annual convention in this city in 1910. A committee consisting of W. A. Bell, W. M. Green and George T. Hall, Jr., was elected to present the invitation to the association at its meeting in Portland next week.

## EUGENE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

Newcomers Entertained by Women of Commercial Club.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The parlors of the Eugene Commercial Club were thronged from 3 to 6 this afternoon with hundreds of newcomers to Eugene, who responded to the invitation of the club and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Refreshments were served and the meeting was so successful that it will probably be made an annual event.

## NEW COUNTY ASKED

Cottage Grove Active for Division of Lane.

## WANTS HOME GOVERNMENT

Puts Forth Argument That Growth and Commercial Importance of Eastern Lane Entitles Section to Recognition.

## COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—

A mass meeting was held in the rooms of the Commercial Club last night for the purpose of considering the question of the creation of a new county. The meeting was called by invitation and several hundred people were present. There was not a dissenting expression as to the proposed undertaking. The question as to what boundaries and other details fair to the Counties of Lane and Douglas consumed several hours' discussion. The lines so far have not been definitely fixed.

It is the intention of the committee to meet the business men of Eugene and Douglas County, and if possible, to arrive at a satisfactory understanding. The people in this locality are not antagonistic to Eugene, the present county-seat, nor to the neighbors in Douglas County on the south side. Cottage Grove is forging ahead at a rapid pace as a commercial center, her population is rapidly increasing, and it is argued here that it is not unfair or unreasonable to ask either Lane or Douglas Counties to give up a strip of these two counties, which are very large and also rapidly increasing in wealth and population.

A committee has been appointed to outline definite plans as to the name and other details, which will be worked out next Tuesday night.

## NEW COUNTY IS OPPOSED

Douglas Will Refuse to Give Up Portion to Cottage Grove Scheme.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The agitation for county division of the southern half of Lane county and the northern part of Douglas, the two parts to be formed into a new county under the name of "Bohemia," finds little, if any, encouragement in this county.

The movement was presumably hatched in Cottage Grove, which city, in the event of the movement being successful, aspires to be the county seat of the proposed county.

The division by the line proposed would take from Douglas county over seven million dollars' worth of taxable property, and what is more interesting to the politicians, would probably make Douglas a Democratic county, as the precincts that would be lost by such a division are strongly Republican, and at the best the county is only about 330 Republican, as evidenced by the last National election.

The Representatives to the Legislature from this county are unanimously opposed to any division of the county, and are confident that it will be impossible to pass any such measure through the Legislature.

## M'DONALD BOOSTS PATTON

Multnomah Legislator Praises Harmony Work of Marion Man.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Young Men's Republican Club this evening, Representative C. J. McDonald, of Multnomah County, was present in company with Representative H. D. Patton, of Marion County, and in an address to the club Mr. McDonald

credited Patton with having brought harmony into the Multnomah delegation, which he said has always been divided in the past. This is taken as indicating that McDonald is a supporter of Patton for the Speakership, or at least that he is working with the Statement No. 1 forces, though he has been counted as a caucus man.

The club decided to give a banquet on Lincoln's birthday, February 12. The following officers were elected: President, Carl E. Abrams; vice-president, L. W. Acheson; secretary, J. G. Helzel; treasurer, S. Z. Culver.

## HUGHES IS INAUGURATED

New York's Chief Executive Takes Oath of Office Again.

## ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—

Governor Hughes was today inaugurated by the Executive Committee of New York. Among those on the platform were the Rev. David C. and Mrs. Hughes.

The inauguration ceremony was preceded by a military parade which was reviewed by Governor Hughes.

In the course of his address, Governor Hughes said:

"Government is merely an organ of the community to secure a basis of peace and order, essential to individual liberty and opportunity, and also to maintain the collective rights which cannot otherwise be safeguarded. Our dependence for progress is not chiefly upon governmental agencies, but upon the virtues of sobriety, industry, thrift and moderation, upon the realization of our mutual dependence and upon the gradual supplanting of motives of mere self-interest between those inspired by the appeals of brotherhood."

## ROSEBURG'S TAXES LOOM

Loss of Saloon Revenue Makes 10-Mill Levy Necessary.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Roseburg will pay the heaviest tax in its history for 1909. This will be from 30 to 35 mills, probably 32. The City Council and school district have already assessed a 10-mill tax each and this, added to the county and State tax, which will be approximately 10 mills, will bring the total up to 30 mills.

Besides this, there is the road tax to be added.

The absence of the saloons, which have heretofore contributed several thousand dollars to the city, is one of the reasons for the heavy city tax.

## BOOSTERS PLAN MEETING

Roseburg to Have Housewarming for New Commercial Club Home.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Roseburg's Commercial Club will hold one of the biggest booster meetings in the history of the organization on January 12, it being the occasion of the opening of the new club home.

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ing up of their club's new quarters. The club has secured the entire upper floor of a new brick recently constructed and has furnished it in a lavish manner. Invitations have been sent to every commercial organization in the State to send representatives to the housewarming.

## A Horrible Hold-Up.

"About ten years ago my brother was 'held up' in his work health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless Consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, N. C. "He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors, but found no help till he used Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man today." It's quick to relieve and the surest cure for weak or sore lungs, hemorrhages, coughs and colds, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Asthma and all Bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

## Buffalo, N. Y.—

Justice Marcus vacated the temporary injunction that restrained the Independent Order of Foresters from enforcing its new schedule of increased assessment rates.

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