

CANDIDATE WOULD CUT STATE EXPENSE

Economy Is Keynote of J. C. Lawrence, Who Wants to Be Washington's Governor.

PAST RECORD POINTED TO

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Three Rivals in Field.

On his way to Los Angeles, Cal., to pass a few weeks with his wife, who is ill, before launching his campaign to capture the gubernatorial nomination of the state of Washington on a "Progressive" Republican platform, J. C. Lawrence, of Olympia, Wash., was in Portland for a few hours yesterday. Mr. Lawrence's resignation as a member of the Public Service Commission of his state took effect on December 21. He had been a member of the Commission since June, 1905, and after the death of H. A. Fairchild, a October, was its chairman.

"I am basing my primary fight on my record as a member of the Public Service Commission, and especially on the fact that I have been known as the Railroad Commissioner, and the ability which I believe I possess to give the people of Washington a more economical management of their affairs," said Mr. Lawrence. "We have a multiplicity of commissions and a great duplication of effort. I propose, if elected, to seek a way with many other states to merge, consolidate and consolidate others. In plain words, I propose to use the pruning knife on state expenses and to conduct the government on a strictly business basis without regard to politics.

Appropriations Deemed Too Big.

"Compare our appropriations with those of Oregon. In 1905 we appropriated \$2,000,000; in 1907, \$4,000,000; in 1909, \$9,000,000, and in 1911, \$11,000,000. In corresponding years the Oregon appropriations were \$2,275,000, \$2,000,000, \$4,000,000 and \$4,325,000. I contend that there is not the difference in population or growth to nearly justify the difference."

Mr. Lawrence traces briefly the history of the achievements of the Public Service Commission, of which he has been a member since its inception. "Two years ago," he said, "we obtained a reduction of 12 per cent in the grain-hauling rates. The saving to the people of the state is \$750,000 a year. The reduction of the telephone rates has been obtained in all cities and towns in which there are local exchanges. A telephone expert has been sent to San Francisco, the head office of the Bell telephone interests for the Pacific Coast States, to learn the expense of operating each of these exchanges, and it is the purpose of the commission to base rates on the information so compiled, allowing the telephone companies only a reasonable rate of interest on actual values of plants. Long-distance rates are to be determined in a similar manner.

"At first the Commission had power only over railway and express companies. The 1909 Legislature added telephone and telegraph companies, and the Legislature of 1911 so added to the powers of the Commission that now it has jurisdiction also over steamboat, electric light, water, and gas utility companies. The people of the State of Washington are rapidly coming to pay interest on watered stock and inflated franchise values and the public-service corporations are receiving in revenue only what they are entitled to. I submit that the Commission has fulfilled the highest expectations of the people of Washington."

Washington Home Forty Years.

Mr. Lawrence has been a resident of the State of Washington for 40 years, 25 of which were spent in Garfield, Whitman County. For the past seven years he has been connected with the official life of the state and has had his residence at Olympia. Among those who are opposing him for the Republican nomination for Governor are M. E. Hay, the present chief executive of the state; Otto Cass, Auditor of King County; and Bob Hodge, Sheriff of King County. State Senator George U. Piper has been widely mentioned as a prospective candidate, but has not made a definite announcement of his candidacy. It is generally believed that Mr. Piper will not be in the race.

Mr. Lawrence announced that he has adopted the principles of government outlined by the National Progressive Republican League. He believes that the people of Washington will elect a "Progressive" Legislature in sympathy with his views.

"We support in Washington 12 state institutions," said Mr. Lawrence. "These consume a great deal of money and I propose, if elected, to conduct an investigation to determine just what they can be operated for on a strictly business basis without impairment to their efficiency."

CONDITIONS IN AUSTRALIA

Writer Explains Some Peculiarities

W. P. Olds Saw.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(To the Editor.)—I crave space in the Oregonian to extend and explain some of the published notes on Mr. W. P. Olds' six weeks' trip to Australia and New Zealand, appearing under the date of December 24. I take exception to the statement that Australian homes are cozier than the homes of this or any other country. As regards construction, the climatic conditions warrant lighter construction and general furnishing, together with the elimination of the heating problem, though there flower gardens bloom as rarely as they bloom here. In the matter of dress, the climate plays a big part, and regulates the dress wear to much lighter and generally finer fabrics than used in the average suit here. When applied to making, the great difference lies in the fact that American foodstuffs are more artificial and are served extravagantly, while the food of the average Australian home is simpler, and possibly purer, because

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Four new teachers, elected by the Board of Education in the holiday season, will take up their duties today. Two schools, the Hawthorne and Ladd, which were closed before the holidays on account of scarlet fever at the Hawthorne and diphtheria at the Ladd, will open today. They have been thoroughly fumigated, and all classes in the district have been quarantined.

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This Great Sale Now Going on

Come Early While Sizes are Complete

Advertisement for Goodyear Shoe Co., Inc. featuring various shoe models and prices. Categories include Ladies' (Felt Slippers 95c, Values to \$2.00, \$3.00, \$2.50), Men's (SALE PRICE \$2.85, \$3.85, \$3.35), Girls' (SALE PRICE \$2, \$1.75, \$1.50, 50c), and Boys' (SALE PRICE \$1.95, \$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.25). Includes descriptions of shoe features like gunmetal, vici and patents, and infant's no heel patent.

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Hardware and implement business. The consideration was about \$3000. The system covers nearly every part of the city, affording fire protection as well as a fine grade of purest water for domestic and other purposes. Insurance Concerns Come In. SALEM, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Twenty-one inter-insurance exchanges and insurance companies were admitted to do business in the state during the year just closed, according to a table prepared by Insurance Commissioner Ferguson. Thin Conductors Wanted. VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The hiring of tall and thin conductors for local streetcars, instead of short, broad and fat ones, has been suggested to the Washington-Oregon corporation. The streetcars here are not the pay-as-you-enter kind, but the conductors are compelled to go through the aisles and collect the fares. If the conductors are thin they will not justify the passengers as much as fat men, and they can get around more easily and with more comfort to the passengers. The Victrola will furnish more entertainment than any other possible gift. Sherman, Clay & Co., on Morrison at Sixth, have all the records. Victor records may be used on other machines. Coal \$4 up. Edelfsen Fuel Co.

Blue Label Ketchup advertisement. Features a bottle of ketchup and text: 'Blue Label Ketchup. Made from sound luscious tomatoes fresh from the field, delicately seasoned with pure spices. Prepared by chefs of worldwide reputations in kitchens wonderful for their cleanliness and neatness. Contains only those ingredients Recognized and Endorsed by the U. S. Government. Rensen Scientific Expert Referee Board National Association State Food and Dairy Commissioners. We would be glad to have you visit us. Then you would realize why our products are so vastly superior to any others—even the much talked-about "home-made" kind. Our kitchens always open and every courtesy is extended to show our welcome. Aside from the delicious NATURAL flavor of Blue Label Ketchup, there is another advantage— IT IS GUARANTEED TO KEEP AFTER IT IS OPENED AND TO BE ABSOLUTELY PURE AND UNADULTERATED. You are sure of the best there is in Food Products if you always insist upon having goods bearing our name. CURTICE BROTHERS CO., Rochester, N. Y.'