

# PETITION PEDDLING' AIMED AT IN PLAN

### Senator Preparing Bills to Facilitate Elections and Prevent Injustice.

## CALIFORNIA LAW AS MODEL

Registration Methods to Be Improved and Possibility of Population Centers Carrying All Offices Averted.

SALEM, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—To do away with all "petition peddling" by candidates who want places on the primary nominating ballot, prepare a scheme of registration to free the voter of the burden of going to the office of the County Clerk, and eliminate as far as possible the conditions which allow one center of a county to furnish all of the officeholders, are plans being worked out by Senator John A. Carson. Bills will be placed before the voters at the next general election.

### Marion County Favors Plan.

The first plan, which has behind it a large following of Marion County citizens, would allow the candidate to merely file with the proper office his official declaration and pay a nominal fee.

The circulation of petitions is practically useless, said Senator Carson. "People are bored by hired 'circulation peddlers'. It is practically no more difficult for a man to have his name placed on the ballot under present conditions than to merely file his declaration."

### California Bill Considered.

"It is possible this bill may be enlarged to include the California plan I intend to get copies of that law. As I understand it the 'high man' is selected there without an election."

The second plan is the registration bill introduced by Senator Carson in the last Legislature. It passed the Senate and was defeated in the House. The bill is largely copied after the Australian and Canadian systems.

### County Assessor Gets Names.

The County Assessor procures the names of all qualified voters. The list is posted in precincts. The County Judge, or an examining board, makes corrections or receives additional names.

The third plan will provide for the election in each precinct of a delegate to a county convention. At the same time the people will vote to instruct that delegate as to the names of the officers. As under the Presidential preference plan, the delegates would meet in convention and select nominees under direct instructions from the people.

### Centralization Prevented.

"The main idea of this bill is to prevent the selection of practically an entire county ticket from the large center of population. In Marion County we have all of the nominees but one or two from Salem. The balance of the county is making a righteous protest. Under our plan I believe this would be remedied and all sections of the county represented."

"It is possible this scheme may be developed to include the selection of a separate list of delegates to a state convention along similar lines, although we have not worked up the plan to that extent."

### Would Not Hamper People.

"It would in no way hamper the people, but would, in my judgment, give them greater voice in government. It is plain that with a majority vote outside of Salem, for instance, than in that the people on the outside did not wish to see all of the county officers selected from Salem. But their votes are not centralized and the north end of the county and the south end may support different candidates. Under the proposed plan all sections would receive an equal representation."

These bills are now under the course of preparation and Senator Carson states that they will be circulated as soon as possible for signatures and will go on the ballot at the general election in November.

## SIX PRISON OFFICIALS OUT

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of the year without pay. It is understood that the superintendent refused to take these conditions and that he will consider the move as a complete discharge.

No verification of this could be received from Superintendent James tonight, however. When an effort was made to reach him at his home he refused to talk, or even to be seen, although he was at his home at the time.

### Big Salary Cut Out.

Superintendent James receives a salary of \$2000 a year, or practically \$466 a month, which will be cut off, starting with this month. Superintendent James will be succeeded as head of the prison by Warden Frank H. Curtis. Curtis will act as warden and superintendent in one, drawing his present salary for the two positions. Governor West expressed the opinion that as a matter of fact the superintendency is in the nature of a "fifth wheel" in the organization.

Economy is given as the reason for the depositing of the superintendent, and here the Governor's statement is denied, but for some time it has been seen by outside observers that all has not been running smoothly at the prison between the Governor and the superintendent. The prison policy of the Governor has not been thoroughly questioned in, from what can be determined on the outside, and in many ways plans and schemes that the Governor has had for changes and improvements at the prison have not been entered into in the whole-hearted manner that the executive desired.

Parole Officer Bauer, who has been receiving \$75 a month for his efforts, has been allowed to leave. He will be taken care of financially by being in charge of the movement to abolish capital punishment in Oregon, receiving remuneration from organized friends of that movement.

### Head Farmer Discharged.

W. J. White, one of the head farmers at the institution, who received \$75 a month, has also been discharged. Engineer Larabee, who has been acting in a supervisory capacity about the grounds, has also been cut from the payroll. He received \$100 a month from the maintenance fund. However, while

cut off from the maintenance fund he will be placed in charge of the construction of new cells at the prison. A special appropriation was made for leasing a new tier of cells and he will be paid from this appropriation, which does not cut into the maintenance fund. Mrs. Curtis, wife of the warden, who now receives \$46 a month for tending to Mrs. Carrie Kersch and Mrs. Elizabeth Vance, the only two women prisoners now at the Penitentiary, will be relieved in a few days. Mrs. Kersch will be returned to the Asylum as a hospital nurse. She served there some time before Mrs. Vance was sent to the prison from Astoria. Mrs. Vance will be paroled to friends in Washington and the necessity of a matron will be obviated.

### Chaplain Lose \$25.

Parole Officer Bauer and Father Moore, who acted as chaplains, will be cut off from their pay as chaplains. The state, out of the maintenance fund for the prison, provided \$25 apiece from the Penitentiary fund and \$25 apiece from the Reform School fund.



C. W. James, Superintendent of State Penitentiary, Deposed by Governor West.

from the Reform School fund. They will receive the latter, but will be deprived of the former. They will continue to serve the remaining eight months at the prison, however, and look to the next Legislature for their remuneration if they so desire.

"My reason for these moves is entirely a question of economy," said Governor West tonight. "When the superintendent went before the last Legislature and asked for a maintenance fund, basing his judgment on past experience, he asked for a fund to provide for a population of 430 people in the prison as prisoners. At that the Legislature arbitrarily cut him off \$10,000. Owing to a great influx of people to the state, the population has increased until at times it was as high as 450 and at other times 475 people, with an average of 25 or 30 more people than was estimated in the request for an appropriation."

"In addition the cost of foodstuffs has been increased materially. We now find that we have had times at the prison starting us in the face. The changes that I have just made will aggregate a total of over \$331 a month, or practically \$5000 for the year in decreased expenses against the maintenance fund for the eight months. This \$5000 I am satisfied will keep us in the 'clear' and if it does not other drastic measures will be taken."

### James Chamberlain Appointed.

The announcement that Superintendent James had fallen before the executive ax was a keen surprise here. He was appointed as superintendent during the regime of Governor Chamberlain, the closest political friend and adviser that Governor West has. When Governor West assumed the reins of office it is understood that the superintendent requested that he be allowed to remain in the office as long as possible. Superintendent James was to remain on the job.

The Governor's statement that the move toward James was to give him leave of absence until the first of the year, Governor West has definitely understood that the superintendent will not acquiesce in these conditions. Mr. James may be allowed to stay in the home for the superintendent near the Penitentiary at his own expense if he decides to resume the work next year.

### Economy Cause, Says West.

Governor West, when questioned, declared positively that the whole change had no further underlying motive than economy. He said his whole attitude is along that line.

At the same time the move was not altogether unexpected. For several weeks it has been noted, and at times has been the topic of comment, that the superintendent was not wholly in accord with all of the moves of the Governor. At the Parole Board meetings he has not been as lenient as some of the other members of the Board.

The Governor in his recent move to make elaborate changes at the prison by the removal of the contract labor force and convert the contract labor into various factories was at a loss to determine just how he could make the improvements without money and with a law starting him in the face that provided bricklaying funds and similar funds should revert to the general fund.

It is understood from good sources that Superintendent James rather opposed than stood with the Governor in these plans. Other rumors which the Governor had in view, found the same failure to reciprocate, it is asserted, and as a result ill-feeling has developed. It is asserted, which was largely responsible for the move.

At the same time the sweeping changes which were made in addition to the removal of the contract labor force, were made in the nature of a "fifth wheel" in the organization.

### HIGH SCHOOLS TO DEBATE

#### Albany and Klamath Falls Will Meet Friday Night.

ALBANY, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—The Albany High School debating team, composed of Curtis Olin, Irving Acheson, of this city, will debate the Klamath Falls High School team at the United Presbyterian Church here next Friday night. The subject for debate is the Cabinet form of government. The Albany debaters supporting the affirmative.

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## STUDENTS TO VOTE

### University Nominations Come Up Friday at Eugene.

## CAMPAIGN IS SPIRITED

### Portland Girls Are Out for Secretaryship of Associated Body and for Editorship of Literary Monthly.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 1.—(Special.)—Today was "nomination day" at the University and candidates were named for all of the 18 student body offices, introductory to the annual election, one week from today, when permanent officials for the 1912-1913 collegiate year will be chosen by the vote of the entire undergraduate body under the rules of the Australian ballot system.

This year there were only 25 aspirants as against 42 for the same number of places in the election of 1911. But the lack of competition for some of the minor positions has served to intensify the interest in the important contests.

The nominees for the student body head are: Edward P. Bailey, of Eugene, a prominent athlete, and Carlton E. Spencer, of Cottage Grove, a veteran orator and debater. The editorship of the college newspaper, the Oregon Emerald, lies between Fendel S. Walte, of Sutherlin, present city editor of the paper, and Karl Ontbank, of Hood River, editor of the 1915 class year book.

A. Dunham and Miss Elizabeth Lewis, are the two bidding for the editorship of the Oregon Monthly, the literary magazine at the University.

## TEMPERANCE SLATE MADE

### Prohibitionists at Hillsboro Name County and Legislative Ticket.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—The Prohibitionists met here today and named a complete legislative and county ticket. J. W. Eldredge, Sherwood, presided, and E. O. Shepherd was chosen secretary. The following nominations were made: State Senator, L. L. Paget, of the Gaston State Bank, son of a prominent Portland prohibitionist; Representatives, Joseph Connell of Glenoec, E. E. Taylor of Cornelius, and J. E. Mosback of Sherwood; County Judge, Daniel Staver, a Congregational minister, of Forest Grove; County Commissioner, J. T. Buntin, Forest Grove; Sheriff, John Boyd, Cornelius; County Clerk, E. H. Boyd, a Hillsboro business man; Recorder, E. O. Shepherd, Sherwood; Treasurer, Richard A. Carlisle, Hillsboro; Surveyor, A. A. Kirkwood, Forest Grove; School Superintendent, F. C. Taylor, Forest Grove; Assessor, John Stevens, Dilley; Coroner, Dr. J. D. Whitmore, Beaverton.

## BOURNE SQUANDERS \$1996

### Senator Makes Big Outlay for "No Campaign."

SALEM, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Although Jonathan Bourne, Jr., made "no campaign" in an effort to obtain the Republican nomination for United States Senator, his expense statement, filed today with Secretary of State Olcott, shows that he expended \$1996.26.

## ELECTRIC MEN COMING

### MAGNATES OF INTERURBAN LINES TO VISIT PORTLAND.

### Trip Made to Bring About Better Understanding Between Communities and Companies.

Traveling 5000 miles, traversing 20 states and visiting 29 cities is part of the general plan of the officers of the American Electric Railway Association, who will arrive in Portland Tuesday, May 14, at 7:30 A. M. over the Southern Pacific. They will remain until 8:20 P. M. From here they will go to Vancouver, B. C., going from there to Seattle. While in Portland they will hold an open session at the Commercial Club, which the Governor and the State Railway Commission have been asked to attend.

"We are traveling across the country to bring about a better understanding between the electric railway companies and the communities they serve," said Thomas N. McCarter, president of the association, recently. "We want to enable the railway companies to appreciate more fully the benefits which these two associations bring to them along the lines of standardization and efficiency."

Mr. McCarter is at the head of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey. During their stay in Portland the visitors will be the guests of the Commercial Club. They will also visit the various scenic points of the city.

## STREET SPEAKING TO STOP

### Eugene Council to Take Action as Result of Strike.

EUGENE, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Induced, probably, by the presence in Eugene yesterday of a man bearing a crude placard warning all persons that there is a strike on the Oregon Electric at Salem, Councilmen Striker and Warnock, at the meeting of the Council last evening, urged the Council to pass an ordinance regulating speaking on the public streets.

Councilman Striker based his argument for such regulation on the fact that large building enterprises are under way, especially in the railroad world, and it is undesirable, from the standpoint of Eugene's prosperity, that there should be teachings of unrest. The Councilmen have assured that the judiciary committee has the matter in mind and will have an ordinance ready for early report to the Council. "The City Attorney stated the city unquestionably has a right to regulate speaking on the public streets."

## NEW TRAINS AID FISHERMEN

### New Schedule Will Open Up Oakridge District.

EUGENE, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Portland fishermen and hunters will be interested in new trains in Lane County announced in connection with the new timecard effective today. Beginning on that date a mixed train will run from Coburg on the Springfield-Woodburn branch to Oakridge, 35 miles up the Willamette, beyond Natron.

Fishing equalling that of the McKenzie is to be found in Salt Creek and other streams within a few miles of Oakridge, which is the present terminus of the Natron-Klamath Falls cut-off. Passenger service from Eugene to Wendling connects at Springfield

## HOOD RIVER ALDERMAN OUT

### Brosius Resigns Because of Council's Action in Water Case.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Because his fellow Councilmen passed a resolution instructing the fire and water committee to secure from the Farmers' Irrigation Company 10 inches of water for city use, Dr. F. C. Brosius, president and oldest member of the Board of Aldermen, resigned.

He had been a Councilman a number of years, during which the city has procured its water supply from a private company.

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