WEST AND KAY WAR OVER HALE PROBE

State Treasurer Openly Declares Governor Seeks Revenge in Move.

DR. SMITH POINT OF ATTACK

Head of State School for Feeble Minded, Unaware of Charges Against Him, Finds Champion in Kay; West Backs Hale.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—With at least two members of the State Board completely at loggerheads and admittedly warring over superintendents of state institutions, the situation at the State Capitol reached the acute boiling point today following the statement of Governor West yesterday as to Superintendent Hale, of the State Training School, with the added declaration that he intends to file charges and demand a probe against Superintendent Frank E. Smith, of the State School for the Feeble-Minded.

Smith, by virtue of Board courtesy, was the selection of State Treasurer Kay. Mr. Kay today openly declared that West's move in claiming that there are charges against Smith is actuated by nothing more or less than motives of revenge and defies the Governor to bring any charges against Kay's appointee.

War May Be Long.

That the situation means one of the most violent and turbulent sieges in the history of the present Board at least is certain.

West, while not openly charging Kay with being foster-father of the charges against Hale for political motives, insinuated as much today.

After declaring that at a formal session of the Board next Friday, when Hale's case will be investigated, charges against Smith will also be investigated, the Governor refused to say what charges have been lodged against Smith or what charges he intends to bring to light.

"Go get your information as to the charges against Smith where you got your information about Hale," he sententiously asserted when he was asked to outline what he intends to prefer against Smith.

Smith Unaware of Charges.

"The one from whom you got your information about Hale and Dr. Smith both know what the charges are. Let them tell you," he said.

Dr. Smith said he was unaware of the nature of the charges and that the Governor has never expressed himself in that connection to him.

Mr. Kay also said he knows of no charges, although Kay has given no information to The Oregonian correspondent as to the charges against Hale and has never mentioned the matter to The Oregonian correspondent at this point.

At a meeting this morning staged by Governor West, State Treasurer Kay unexpectedly was called in and a probe was conducted by the Governor through witnesses whom he had called as to the case of Hale. Treasurer Kay said he would take no action in any case except at a formal meeting of the Board with all members present.

The morning meeting brought out some of the features of dissension which have arisen.

West Voices His Sentiment.

"If I was superintendent of the State Training School and members of the State Board refused to back me up, I would put on my hat and tell them to go plumb to hell!" shouted Governor West this morning at an informal inquiry into charges which have been made against Superintendent Hale, of that institution.

Only Treasurer Kay and the Governor were here, and Kay refused to hold a formal investigation in the absence of Olcott, who is in Pendleton. Consequently, witnesses were called to bring out conditions at the Training School.

Veterinary Kornek, Father Moore, Rate Expert Davies and Private Secretary Watson were called to appear as witnesses.

The question of the purchase of 14 cattle came up, and Hale declared he had the sanction of West and Kay, or at least he labored under that impression, to purchase the cattle. Kay said Hale had called him up over the telephone in relation to purchase of the cattle, and the suggestion was made, as there were no funds, that they be purchased from the maintenance fund. Kay stated he had told Hale that he was doubtful if the cattle could be legally purchased with such funds, and he had told Hale the purchase of the cattle was a question for the whole board to settle.

Dr. Korinek said he had examined the cattle as to their physical condition, but only two of them had received the tuberculin test, and these were in good condition as far as the test was concerned.

Father Moore Testifies.

Father Moore said he was in accord with the new plan of less harsh discipline at the institution, but believed as to the new boys the policy should be exercised guardedly.

Governor West attempted to get a motion through as to investigation of charges against Hale, and allegations on the part of the Governor that charges have been preferred against Superintendent Smith, of the State School for the Feeble Minded, be referred to the Legislature for determination. Kay took the attitude that this is a matter for the board and would not vote in favor of such a resolution. West asked that his suggestion be placed in the record.

Decision was reached to hold a formal investigation into the charges next Friday after Secretary Olcott returns.

TILLAMOOK GETS MAIL

Train Service Established but Snow Is Falling Fast.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The first mail to arrive here for nine days reached this city this afternoon. It consisted of about 400 pounds of letter mail and two sacks of recent papers. The first mail to leave the county in that length of time will leave the Tillamook office this evening via stage route.

Train service between Tillamook and Mohler is established. Persons who have come in over the Pacific Railway & Navigation Railroad say it will be several weeks before service is resumed. Snow is falling fast.

RITTER'S RIGHT UPHELD

Land Office Decision at Roseburg Favors Gold Hill Patent.

GOLD HILL, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—As long ago as 1865 it is of record that men have mined the placer deposits of that group of mining claims known as the Prefountain, located just west of this city. Dust and nuggets aggregating several respectable fortunes have been taken from this group, which are still profitably worked.

Believing that the mineral character of the property was sufficiently established to secure patent, J. J. Ritter, occupant of the claims, recently presented his case to the Government land office at Roseburg, praying for patent, only to be informed that the California & Oregon Railroad Company had instituted a contest against him. The filed protest of the company contended that the land was largely agricultural in character, and as such reverted to the company under the original grant of railway lands in which this section was included.

Evidence in the case was taken before United States Commissioner Cannon at Medford, and submitted to the Receiver of the Land Office at Roseburg for decision. By the testimony produced it was clearly established that the lands involved were mineral in character and a number of witnesses were called to substantiate the rights of Ritter to patent. The decision of the Land Office affirms the right of Ritter to mineral patent for the famous old group, which was evidently contested by the railroad company through a misapprehension of the facts.

FORMER ST. LOUIS PASTOR TO TAKE UP NEW DUTIES HERE NEXT WEEK.

Rev. C. A. Nussbaum.

Rev. C. A. Nussbaum, of St. Louis, Mo., who accepted a call to become pastor of the Portland New (Swedenborgian) Church several months ago, will arrive in Portland today. For the past 18 years Rev. Mr. Nussbaum has been pastor of the New Church in St. Louis and editor and publisher of the Bote der Neuen Kirche (the German Messenger of the New Church). He will transfer this paper to Portland and continue its publication here. Rev. Mr. Nussbaum is considered one of the leading ministers of the New Church, and it was largely through the National New Church Association that he has been assigned to Portland. William I. Cottel, president of the Portland New Church Society, said that the society is fortunate in securing Rev. Mr. Nussbaum. The Portland church has been without a pastor for several years.

COQUILLE POST ASSURED

COMMISSION'S ORGANIZATION DUE TO FOLLOW SOON.

Joint Committee Appointed to Formulate Plans and Outlining Map of River's Course.

BANDON, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The prospect for the organization of the Coquille River Port Commission is good, and that such a port within a very short time will be a reality is the assurance of G. T. Threadgold, of Bandon, who is representing the legal phases of the organization.

The Bandon and Coquille Commercial Clubs have appointed a joint committee to formulate plans for initiating the Commission, and this joint committee is now waiting for the completion of a map now being made outlining the course of the Coquille River and the Coast of Southwest Oregon.

When the map is before the committee immediate action will be taken for the organization of the Commission. Petitions are in readiness to be circulated to call upon the Representatives in Congress to use their influence toward developing Bandon harbor and dredging the river as far as Myrtle Point, which place is at the head of navigation on the Coquille River.

The Bandon Commercial Club has instructed its secretary to write the president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce requesting him to interest the San Francisco business men in the project of improving Bandon harbor. The output of the Coquille River mills and the produce of the contiguous country go to San Francisco, and from San Francisco come the supplies for Bandon and for all other towns on the river.

GOOD ROADS CLUB FORMED

Pleasant Hill Residents Want Old Road Districts Restored.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—At a meeting at Pleasant Hill last week a good roads association was organized with a large membership. A. T. Miller was elected president and D. G. Linton, secretary. The name chosen was the Golden Rule Club.

A resolution asking that the two old road districts, formerly Nos. 10 and 12, which are now one, be restored, was adopted, and a committee named to take the matter before the County Court.

The committee consists of P. N. Laird, J. L. Beaver, H. C. Wheeler, William Williams, H. M. Parvin, S. H. Jacobs and Ernest Mooney. Another committee was appointed to draft resolutions and petitions to be presented to the Legislature asking certain road legislation. The personnel of this committee is as follows: O. J. Lawrence, H. C. Wheeler, William Williams, W. A. Arnold and J. L. Beaver.

Railroad Extension Rumored.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Residents of Toledo have been stirred over persistent rumors that the extension of the Tacoma & Eastern is about to be pushed to completion. The right-of-way for the extension has been purchased as far as Toledo, but from there on it has not been announced what route will be followed, although it is the general impression that the road will extend along the Toledo side of the Cowlitz River, cross at a point about six miles below Toledo and then parallel the Northern Pacific into Portland.

The House of Brown

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CITY CAR SERVICE UNDER DISCUSSION

Special Committee Hears Citizens' Opinion of Public Service Corporation.

BRIDGES HELD BLAMABLE

Variety of Complaints Heard, Some Declaring That They Freeze While Others Assert That Heat Is Excessive at Times.

"There are no bridge regulations that are observed in the City of Portland," declared C. J. Franklin, general superintendent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, before the special committee of the City Council, appointed to hear complaints of streetcar patrons, at the City Hall yesterday. Mr. Franklin's remarks were prompted by criticisms of the service given by his company and he said that until adequate regulations for the five drawbridges across the Willamette are made and enforced there will always be more or less trouble in preventing congestion of traffic and in having cars run on schedule.

Complaints of a varied nature were laid before the committee. Some of them were made in the form of suggestions for the improvement of the service and were accompanied by expressions of appreciation of the efforts of the company to make travel over its lines comfortable and convenient.

Heating Declared Inadequate.

A Sellwood resident protested that cars on that line are uncomfortable because they are not adequately heated and doors and windows are left open. The same man also complained that tobacco-chewing passengers use the window slots for cuspidors. Chairman Joy explained that the latter offense could scarcely be laid at the door of the company.

A South Portland man suggested that the service to his part of the city would be improved if the local cars were to be run only to Porter street, instead of to Whitaker, as at present, with through service beyond.

W. L. Cooper, of Laurelhurst, asked that cars to that district be run on schedule.

J. H. Grighorian, of Woodmere, said that the cars on the Mount Scott line are cold, because the doors and windows are not kept closed, and maintained that his protests to conductors had brought only incivility. Representatives of the company asked that Mr. Grighorian furnish the names of conductors who had been uncivil, but he said that he had never taken their numbers, although their treatment of him had been such as to move him almost to tears.

Oregon City Man Commends Service.

Frank Dayton, who lives on the Oregon City line, expressed himself as satisfied with the service in general, which he said was excellent. However, he had a few suggestions to make in a kindly spirit, which he felt would, if adopted, be distinct improvements.

Unlike some of those who had been heard before him, Mr. Dayton maintained that the cars on his line are too hot, especially if one happens to sit above a radiator. "Of course," he said, "this is all right if you are riding but a short distance, but if you are seated above one of these radiators for a long ride, you become uncomfortable." He also suggested that the car steps should be lowered, as it requires quite an effort to get aboard with the steps at their present height. He said that he had found it necessarry to "boost" his wife to get her aboard. Others made complaints of the same nature.

Distinctive lights for cars of the various lines were suggested by Mr. Dayton, who said that at night several cars may be stopped before the right one is finally hailed.

Kenton Protest Heard.

Several North Portland representatives were present, among them H. M. Bransford, who maintained that the present development of the Kenton district justified the double tracking of the line. Another Kenton man suggested that this should be done before paving now in progress in that district is completed.

C. F. Triechel, of Sellwood expressed his disgust at the practice of sitting on the seat at one side of a car and placing one's feet on the seat opposite. Another man suggested that this practice would disappear if there were no side seat cars, and all the seats were placed across.

J. W. Conway, of Montavilla, engaged in a discussion with Superintendent Franklin on the question of handling the traffic, maintaining that a great improvement may be easily effected. W. H. Thomas agreed with this view, advocating cross-town lines as needed for the solution of the problem. Mr. Franklin agreed that such lines are fast becoming necessary, and said that they would be installed as soon as it could be determined where they belong.

'Skip-Stop' System to Start.

Concerning the unwillingness of the public to report streetcar employes for faults or discourtesy, Mr. Franklin said that it would be a kindness to the men to report them, as he had confidence that in a majority of cases the fault or discourtesy came from a lack of knowledge of the regulations. He explained that the company does not discharge its men, but that the merit system is used, whereby an employe, having received 100 demerit marks, automatically discharges himself. Merit marks are also given, cancelling an equal number of the other kind.

Additional "trippers" will be put on the Sunnyside line, to run to East Sixtieth street, instead of stopping at East Thirty-ninth street, as formerly.

BILL MILL TO HALT ON TWENTIETH DAY

Plan Outlined to Eliminate Introduction of Too Many Ill-Advised Measures.

DIMICK AND EATON BUSY

Senator and Representative Would Shut Off Grind Early So That Session of Oregon Legislature May Be More Business-Like.

The Twenty-seventh Oregon Legislature, which convenes January 12, may adopt a resolution after it meets which will shut off the introduction of bills shortly after the twentieth or middle day of the session. Such action would be calculated to allow the lawmakers to give their work the most careful consideration, and would prevent the avalanche of half-baked, ill-advised and pernicious measures which has cluttered the closing days of former sessions.

Senator Dimick, of Clackamas County, will introduce a resolution forbidding the introduction of any bills after the 25th day of the session, and Representative Eaton, of Lane, in a communication to his colleagues, advocates even more drastic action. He says:

"No bill should be introduced in the House after the tenth day of the session, unless a majority of the House consents, and no bills should be introduced after the 20th day of the session, except by consent of a two-thirds vote."

Much Legislation Foreseen.

That this precaution will be necessary is indicated by the large mass of legislation already proposed. Various humanitarian organizations are busy framing bills, commercial bodies have legislation to present; the matter of reforming the code looms importantly; there are many appropriation measures, and a host of matters of greater or lesser moment will ask for the attention of the solons.

Mr. Dimick, in response to a letter requesting information regarding legislation that he proposes to initiate, says that he has very little to introduce at the coming session.

"There is too much legislation introduced," he writes, "and I believe a member can be of more service to the state by helping kill off a little of the surplus than by flooding the session with bills. My plan is to try to abolish some of our present boards and commissions. Some of them are entirely useless and an extravagance on the people of the state. In fact, the word extravagant is putting it mildly."

Weeks to Eliminate "Pastime."

George W. Weeks, Representative from Marion, recognizing the probable fact that there will be legislation introduced to cover perhaps all his own ideas and all the needs of the state, will refrain from the pastime of introducing bills.

M. Vernon Parsons, Representative from Lane, proposes to tackle the trust problem. He is now working on an anti-trust law, which he will introduce, together with a state depository law and a bill calculated to protect the people from excessive express and telephone rates.

"I shall introduce or advocate a bill for an appropriation for the purpose of expeditiously adjudicating the irrigation water rights of the state," writes Representative Homan, of Malheur. He will also introduce a bill looking toward state aid for approved irrigation projects, and will support revision bills that actually simplify legal procedure.

Senator Hawley, of Polk, will introduce a measure to increase and strengthen the efficiency of the office of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner. The measure will contain some additions, corrections and amendments to the present pure food law, and will also provide for a special deputy to have charge of this work.

ALLEN EATON LAYS PLANS

Oregon Lawmaker Would Oust All Useless Committees.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—Special.—Proposing that the number of committees in the House of Representatives in the Legislature should be reduced by eliminating all useless ones; that the members of the committees should be selected by the House through a committee on committees consisted of five members; that bills should be considered by committees in the order that they are received, and offering several other suggestions, Representative Eaton, of Eugene, has prepared a plan for reform in the rules of the lower House. Copies of his proposals will be mailed to all members of the House and he contemplates making a strong effort to put through his plans.

Mr. Eaton declares that it is not his intention to embarrass the Speaker in any manner, that his proposals are not made for political reasons, but rather because he says he believes they will result in the ultimate betterment of conditions in the House. Among other things, he proposes an efficiency test for hiring of all clerks.

Gold Hill Lumber Firm Absorbed.

GOLD HILL, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—A deal has been closed whereby the Gold Hill Lumber Company, of this city, becomes part and parcel of the Big Pines Company. The concern here was one of the last in Jackson County to escape consolidation with the Big Pines concern, which now controls a major portion of the retail lumber business in this district. The company's mill on Sardine creek was sold, together with 700 acres of choice timber, to W. J. Smith, of this city, who will continue its operation. The Gold Hill Lumber Company was composed solely of local capital, and has operated its business since the installation of the mill in 1906.

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