

WHYCOMBE OPENS CONFERENCE TODAY

Governor-elect Will Preside at Session for State Reorganization.

GOOD LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

Executive-to-be Says Principal Criticism of Present-day Legislatures Is Inability to Act With Judgment on Many Measures.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Governor-elect Whycombe tomorrow morning will open and preside at the first special session of the state commonwealth conference to be held at the university; the day is to be devoted to the problem of state reorganization and administration.

Friday the second day, is to be given to the harmonizing of Oregon's unemployment views so that the conference, by unanimous recommendations, may submit them to the coming Legislature.

Although the conference sessions are not to be heavily attended, everyone who wishes to participate in the making of recommendations is welcome; a general invitation has been issued. A few members of the Legislature, a few state officials, persons interested along each of these legislative problems to be taken up, and a number of people interested through their good citizenship, will comprise the attendance.

University students will attend only when periods of the day are free from class recitations or when the professor in charge adjourns his class for the purpose of attending the conference.

All recommendations at which the conference arrives as a unit will be presented to the proper legislative committees by way of suggestion.

Good Legislation Great Need. "One of the greatest needs in all states is more and better legislation. The principal criticism of present-day Legislatures, in fact, is that in 40 days, or 60 days, they cannot possibly do the work which the hundreds and hundreds of measures presented.

Research work by an impartial body extending over many months makes it possible for such a body to put into the hands of lawmakers material that a legislative committee commonly does not gather. Sometimes such a body can add recommendations based upon that material in such instances where the Legislature's cordial and sympathetic pondering.

I am glad that the commonwealth conference of the great State of Oregon has been doing research work in connection with a number of the state's problems, and that it has reached a point where it can present its conclusions upon three of these problems in the form of recommendations.

State Budget to Be Topic. At the conclusion of Dr. Whycombe's opening address tomorrow morning a paper by Dr. James D. Barnett, professor of political science, will be submitted, wherein a general scheme for state reorganization will be offered. The preparation of the state budget will be discussed in a similar paper by Sam A. Kozier, chief deputy secretary of state. Mr. Kozier, who has been connected with the Secretary of State's office for a number of years, is regarded as an expert in state administration and finance.

Following the reading of these papers a general discussion, led by members of the Legislature, will take place. The afternoon session is to be devoted to the consideration of outlined plans for the organization of the state departments, boards and commissions into eight separate departments or divisions. Several members of the Legislature and J. A. Churchill, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will speak.

As the women of Oregon have always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the state, invitations have been sent to the various women's clubs of the state and a delegation is expected to attend. The various participants in former commonwealth conferences representing these organizations have centered their interests in the unemployment legislation and the women's interest has been ever as keen as the men's.

Eleventh-hour change in the seating of the conference ends the men delivering their lectures in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. building instead of Villard Hall as was originally planned. More comfortable inducements in the new halls of this building brought about the shift.

CONTRACTORS END MEET

ELECTRICAL MEN FAVOR SEPARATE AWARDS ON WIRING JOBS.

John Tomlinson, of Portland, Picked to Head Association—Papers on Trade Questions Read. ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—That contracts for electrical wiring and equipment should be let separately and not included in a lump contract for the building, is the opinion of the members of the Oregon Electrical Contractors' Association, which held its annual convention in this city today.

John Tomlinson, of Portland, was elected president of the association for the ensuing year and other officers were named as follows: First vice-president, Harry Sroufe, of Portland; second vice-president, Joseph H. Halston, of Albany; third vice-president, Lester Armitage, of Corvallis; secretary-treasurer, J. W. Oberender, of Portland. To serve with these officers on the executive committee S. C. Jaggard and F. L. Green, both of Portland, were chosen.

the association, responded. Papers were then presented as follows: "The Relation of the Contractor and Dealer to the Central Station," J. L. White, manager of the Oregon Power Company, Albany; "Credits and Collections," P. A. Young, of S. E. Young & Son, Albany; "The Jobber and the Contractor," John F. Ryan, of the Western Electric Company, Portland; "The Central Station," A. C. McMicken, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, Portland.

ARSON CHARGE RENEWED

PERJURY INDICTMENTS, TOO, REVIVE FIGHT ON "TRUST"

Circuit and Federal Court Actions Center Around L. and Sam Sax With New Evidence.

Indictments were reported simultaneously in the Federal and Circuit courts against L. and Sam Sax, accusing them of perjury and arson. The former crime is alleged to have been committed when they gave testimony in connection with a bankruptcy proceeding in the Federal Court in April of last year. The charge of arson, lodged by the Multnomah County grand jury, is predicated on the charge of having set fire to their store at 207 First street in August, 1912, for former indictments alleging this same crime was dismissed.

A Wolfman was indicted by the county grand jury for perjury, it being alleged that he testified falsely in Judge McGinn's court recently, where he was on trial charged with arson in connection with a fire in his store at 227 1/2 Burnside street, February 2, 1912.

Max Albert was indicted also by the grand jury yesterday, he being charged with having concealed his assets by transferring them to L. and Sam Sax previous to going into the bankruptcy proceeding in which the Saxs, father and son, are said to have sworn falsely.

These latest indictments bring back into prominence members of the alleged "arson trust" who were on trial during the Autumn. Albert has been convicted of arson and in a recent sentence, Wolfman, charged with arson, was freed by a directed verdict in Judge McGinn's court. The two Saxs were brought to trial.

The Federal authorities believe, from the investigation they have made, that the accused men were located last night and Albert is under bond awaiting sentence. District Attorney Evans renewed Wolfman's bond on his recognizance and L. Sax was allowed to go on \$2000 bond.

JAPAN ARMING RUSSIA

CZAR, FORMERLY DEPENDENT ON FRANCE, NOW LOOKS WEST.

Trans-Siberian Railway Kept Busy Conveying Supplies—Five Million Said Now to Be in Field.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 24.—With the ordinary supply of France practically cut off, Russia is now looking to Japan to keep the Russian army supplied with arms and ammunition for the beginning of the winter. It is stated that supplies from Japan will prove ample for all the reserves which it may be necessary to call into the field.

It is now estimated that Russia has 3,000,000 men in the first line fully equipped, uniformed and armed for fighting, while the reserve armies are being supplied with the necessary equipment so quickly that they will be able to take their places in the battle line whenever needed.

FOUR SUGAR PLANTS SELL

David Eccles and Mormons Buy in American Company's Holdings.

OGDEN, Utah, Dec. 8.—Utah capitalists, including David Eccles' interests and leading officers of the Mormon Church, have bought all of the holdings of the American Sugar Refining Company in both the Amalgamated and Lewiston sugar companies, controlling three plants in Utah, and one in Idaho. The announcement was made today by Charles W. Nibley, presiding bishop of the Mormon Church and by LeRoy Eccles, general manager of the two companies. Stockholders of the corporation will meet on December 19 to perfect a consolidation of the corporations and the capital stock probably will be fixed at \$7,500,000. Prior to this year, the American Sugar Refining Company had 50 per cent interest in the Utah plants.

LONGSHOREMAN IS KILLED

Bridge Carpenter Suffers Fractured Skull by Drop From Scaffold.

One man is dead and another in a critical condition at St. Vincent's Hospital as the result of accidents along the St. Johns waterfront yesterday. Jim Pearson, a longshoreman, died in a hospital from a fractured skull received when he fell 30 feet from the deck of the ship Koltaloch to the bottom of the hold. He died shortly after he reached the hospital. He resided at St. Johns and had no relatives in the city. The Koltaloch is at the public drydock.

William Shea, a bridge carpenter, 25 years old, fractured his skull when he fell from a scaffold near the drydock. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where his condition is regarded as critical. He was an employe of the Cowitts Bridge Company.

ASTORIA FIGHT ENDS

Fred J. Johnson Elected Mayor by Big Vote.

BOND AMENDMENT FAILS

Anderson Is Renamed Auditor and Sovey, Treasurer; McLean, Surveyor; Norblad, City Attorney, Are Leading in Count.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Fred J. Johnson was elected Mayor of Astoria on the Nonpartisan Business Government ticket today by a big plurality over his opponents, Dr. H. Henderson, Republican, and George Kaboth, Democrat. The campaign was one of the hottest ever waged in the city.

Olaf Anderson, Democrat, was re-elected Auditor and Police Judge over Y. D. Guillaume, Republican. Indications are that S. S. Sovey, Republican, has defeated H. F. Prael, Independent, for City Treasurer.

G. T. McLean, Democrat, probably is elected City Surveyor over Sig. Young, Republican. A. W. Norblad, Republican, won over J. O. Erickson for City Attorney.

Louis Glaser, non-partisan, was elected Councilman-at-large and Henry Schell, Republican, Superintendent of Streets. For Councilmen in the Second Ward C. F. Curtis, Republican, defeated J. S. Delaney, non-partisan candidate.

ELLENSBURG FIGHT STRONG

Samuel Kreidel Is Elected Mayor by 61 Majority.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The city election here yesterday was the hardest election ever held in the history of Ellensburg. There were two complete tickets in the field, the "Citizens' ticket," headed by Samuel Kreidel, and the "People's" ticket, headed by Frank E. Craig, ex-Mayor.

Mr. Kreidel has been one of Ellensburg's leading druggists for more than the past 30 years. He is the father of the municipal water system here. Mr. Kreidel was elected Mayor by a majority of 61, receiving 724 votes against 673 obtained by Mr. Craig.

Other officials elected are: Rube Crump, City Clerk; Harry W. Hale, City Attorney; Mrs. J. W. Nesbit, Treasurer; John Killmore, Councilman-at-Large; W. P. Hiddleston, Councilman First Ward; Walter G. Schmidt and F. S. Chapin, Second Ward.

PORTLAND LAWYER ELECTED

George W. Stapleton Is Chosen Mayor at Gresham.

George W. Stapleton was elected Mayor of Gresham Tuesday without opposition, receiving 262 votes, practically all the votes cast. The Councilmen elected are E. H. Kelly, S. S. Thompson and C. M. Zimmerman, J. M. McFarland, C. J. E. Recorder over C. J. Lundquist by 145 to 121. J. H. Metzger was re-elected without opposition and James McKinney was re-elected Marshal. A light vote was cast.

CHARTER CHANGES WIN

All Proposed Amendments at Marshfield Are Carried.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—North Bend electors returned Mayor L. J. Simpson victor yesterday for another two-year term. The majority was nearly 200. Other municipal officials elected were: M. E. Everitt, Henry G. Kern, Charles E. Maybee, Recorder, and John H. Graves, Treasurer. In the 29 charter amendments voted upon to correct and improve the city's legal facilities, not one was lost.

BEND RE-ELECTS MAYOR

Only One of Civic-Betterment Ticket Is Successful.

BEND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—H. A. Miller was re-elected Mayor of Bend yesterday over Ross Farnham by a majority of 191. For Councilmen, L. C. Rudow, S. C. Caldwell and E. P. Brosthouse led in a field of eight. Of a so-called Civic Betterment ticket, Mr. Caldwell was the only successful candidate. The new Councilmen take office on January 5 and serve for two years. Miss Mary E. Coleman was re-elected City Treasurer without opposition.

CATHLAMET FAVORS ECONOMY

Citizens' Ticket Carries in Election With 125 Votes Cast.

CATHLAMET, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Albert Babbage, William Oxman and Bert Sutton were elected Councilmen for two years. They were on the citizens' ticket, declaring for economy in improvements and in the management of the city's affairs. Charles H. Warren was elected Treasurer. One hundred and twenty-five votes were cast.

Socialists Defeated in Kelso.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The Citizens' ticket easily won from the Socialists in the election held in Kelso Tuesday. The vote on the various officers was as follows: Mayor, C. O. Talbert (C.), 339; A. M. Calvert

WRECKED! Prices Smashed to Smithereens! Immense Wholesale Stocks Baron-Fulop Co. Clothing, Furnishings Going to Public at Manufacturers' Cost! Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats, Sacrificed! To \$15.00 Garments, Choice Now \$7.85 Men's Suits and Overcoats that sold to \$15 are grouped in a great lot, from which you may take your choice at this remarkable price. All sizes, now \$7.85. To \$30.00 Garments, Choice Now \$13.85 Garments that sold to \$30, in this season's newest fabrics, made by master tailors, are grouped, from which you may take your choice now for \$13.85. 50c Cotton Underwear, Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, 29c. \$6 Boys' Suits, with extra pair of trousers free, now \$2.75. \$2.00 Union Suits, all sizes, on sale here, choice for \$2.85. Dress Shirts, choice of the house, values to \$3, now 79c. Men's Mixed Wool Underwear, 50c all sizes, on sale here, garment \$5.00 group now to close \$1.50. Men's Trousers that sold to \$2, all sizes, while they last, pair 85c. \$4.00 Trousers, including corduroys, at less than 1/2 \$1.65. Odd Coats, made to sell to \$7, on sale while they last \$2.50. Special—Any Man's Hat in the store, values to \$5 \$1.98. Sale Now Taking Place at This Location Peoples Clothing Co. 104-106 Third Street Between Washington and Stark WHOLESALE OR RETAIL

Board of Health from the decision of Circuit Judge Campbell in the Van Brakle case will be argued before the state Supreme Court tomorrow. C. Schuebel and L. Stipp will represent Dr. Van Brakle. Dr. Van Brakle, osteopathic County Health Officer, appealed from the order of the State Board removing him from office and Judge Campbell held that the board exceeded its jurisdiction in the attempt. Local physicians are backing the case of the State Board. Accused Banker Arrested. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—George D. Metcalf, vice-president of two banks in Oakland; David de Long of Coalinga, and Don C. Cable of Los Angeles, went East today in company with I. F. Oldfield, a peace officer of Athens County, Ohio. Advice from the East were that the trio were under indictment in Athens County for having obtained \$65,000 under false pretenses. D. Cable, who used to be a bank officer at Nelsville, O., and De Long were arrested early in the week. Oldfield and H. T. Mulligan, another Ohio officer, went to Oakland and had an interview with Metcalf, which resulted, so far as could be learned tonight, in his agreement to go to Ohio and see the affair through. He obtained leave from his bank for a week or 10 days, advice from Oakland said tonight, and the Oakland police reported that he had not been arrested so far as they knew. The three men promoted an oil company at Coalinga, and are accused of getting money by misrepresenting it. STORM DAMAGES COLLIER Jupiter, However, Is Reported Safe by Commander. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—In a wireless dispatch to the Navy Department Lieutenant Kemppf, commanding the big electric collier Jupiter, announced that his ship had been damaged by the storm off the coast and was proceeding to New York. The vessel left Philadelphia for Boston December 4. The wireless said: "Ship safe. All well. Owing to damage by gale, thick weather and absence of Nantucket lightship, proceeding to New York."

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