

CUTTING OF PAY OF STATE OFFICIALS ASKED

Senator Farrell Advocates 20 Per Cent Reduction for State and County Salaries.

PLEAS FOR FUNDS MANY

Multnomah Legislative Committee Hears Economy Programme Outlined—Abolishment of Regencies Also Proposed.

Reduction of the salary of every state and county official in Oregon by 20 per cent was advocated at the meeting of the Multnomah County legislative committee last night by Senator Robert S. Farrell.

The proposal brought forth considerable discussion and probably will be up for formal consideration when the Legislature meets. The measure doubtless will provide a sweeping reduction in salaries of public officials, including the salaries of members of the Legislature.

Senator Farrell suggested the idea in connection with the economy programme that faculty has been adopted by members of the Legislature in all parts of the state.

The delegation went through a maze of business last night. It began by hearing a report from John W. Ferguson, State Insurance Commissioner, who explained the accounting system now in use by his department for auditing the books of the several counties.

John Y. Richardson, chief of the bureau of accountancy, further explained the present system, pronounced it efficient and effective and declared that the only objection to it is in the cost to the various counties, but he contended that this expense is more than compensated by the saving it effects in the county governments.

"Is the expense the only objection?" asked Representative George G. "No, there is more behind it than that," replied Mr. Richardson. "They object to state supervision."

Approved for Aid Made. Dr. E. E. Joseph and Dr. Richard R. Dillehunt, of the faculty of the medical department of the State University, presented two bills—one providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 for maintaining the medical school for two years and the other providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 for a new building on the site in the southern part of Portland recently presented for the purpose by the O.-W. R. & N. Company.

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Five important amendments to the workmen's compensation law were proposed to the Multnomah Legislative delegation last night by Paul C. Bates,

member of the insurance firm of McCracken, Bates & Lively. These proposed changes substantially provide: First, a reasonable waiting period; second, compensation payments shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for the injury; third, competitive methods of insurance, placing all systems, state, mutual and stock companies on an equality basis; fourth, elimination of contribution by employers to the general fund; fifth, elimination of contribution or tax on the general public.

Mr. Bates submitted a report embodying the composite opinion of 418 employers to whom he recently submitted his proposed amendments. To the first question, "Do you favor a reasonable waiting period, following injury, before compensation payments begin?" 409 answered yes and 19 answered no.

To the second question, "Do you think that compensation payments should be the exclusive remedy for all accidents and diseases, following litigation?" 393 answered yes and 26 answered no.

To the third question, "Do you favor competitive methods of insurance, all on equality—state insurance, employers' mutuals, stock companies and self-insurance, carrying your own risk if solvent?" 453 answered yes and 60 answered no.

Mr. Bates spoke in support of each of the proposed changes. He said that the Oregon Chamber of Commerce, who has made an extensive study of the subject at the request of the Legislature last year, also spoke.

"Don't let anyone talk you out of workmen's compensation," he advised the delegates, "for the law is in favor of a more equitable distribution of premiums so that the rate may be reduced. It is in the ratio that the hazard is reduced. This, he explained, will place a premium on safety and eliminate danger to employees.

After the subsequent discussion, he pointed out that the liability companies should be allowed to compete with the state providing they paid precisely the same compensation and otherwise complied with the state law.

"Why didn't the liability companies take this interest in the welfare of the employee before the law went into effect?" asked Lloyd J. Wentworth, a member of the delegation.

No one present favored repeal of the compensation act, as has been suggested in some quarters. The changes suggested by Mr. Bates were presented in form of a bill and will be submitted to the Legislature.

EMPERESS SHOW FESTIVE

EVERY ACT SURPRISING AND WORTH DOUBLE MONEY. One of Cleverest Sketches in Vaudeville Holds Intensely—Dancing Number Is Great and Others Shiny.

Marcus Leow had a real Christmas spirit in his booking office heart when he picked out the Santa Claus sketch, her explanation of the comedy, and the other providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 for a new building on the site in the southern part of Portland recently presented for the purpose by the O.-W. R. & N. Company.

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3 HIGHWAYMEN WALK RIGHT INTO POLICE

Highwaymen, After Robbing Cedar Mills Store, Take Road and Are Caught.

CONFESSION WON QUICKLY

Search Reveals Loaded Pistols, Skeleton Keys, Pliers and \$50 Loot—Capture Made on Cornell Highway Within Hour.

Three highwaymen held up the grocery at Cedar Mills, about three miles northwest of Portland, last night, robbed the proprietor of the cash in the till and started for Portland on foot, only to run into the arms of Sergeant Lyons and Patrolman Wade, just outside the city limits.

They gave their names respectively as Arthur Manning, John Seaton and George Baldwin, and all confessed to the robbery. They were found all the equipment of a highwayman and also the money they had stolen at Cedar Mills.

They confessed to assistants of Captain Day, of the detective department, even before the details of the robbery had reached Portland.

The descriptions which Sheriff Reeves, of Washington County, was able to furnish were meager, but the Portland police became interested on receipt of a telephone message from Sheriff Reeves, saying that there had been a holdup at Cedar Mills and that witnesses believed the men had taken the road to Portland. The message said the highwaymen probably would follow Cornell road to Portland past St. Vincent's Hospital.

Two Roads Watched. Captain Inskeep, of the Portland force, immediately sent Sergeant Lyons and Patrolman Wade to the Cornell road, and Humphries and Mallon to the Barnes road.

Hardly an hour had passed before word came from Sergeant Lyons and Patrolman Wade that the three highwaymen had been captured on Cornell road, less than a mile from the end of the pavement at the head of Northrup street.

The policemen detailed to the roads were in plain clothes and took precautions to remain in the dark as much as possible. Sergeant Lyons and Patrolman Wade were walking at a good rate toward the scene of the holdup, when suddenly a powerful automobile came rushing up in back of them and continued on up the road.

Sheriff Joins Search. From the speed and description furnished, they recognized the car as later later the car of Sheriff Word, of Multnomah County, going to help in the search. This car had been gone some minutes, when Sergeant Lyons and Wade, who were in the shadow of a bank at the side of the road, heard men approaching. They were the three highwaymen.

The capture was made easily. Late last night Sheriff Reeves and Word still were out on the road looking for the three highwaymen. Sheriff Word missed them when the approach of his machine frightened them, and they hid in the bushes at the side of the road.

On the men arrested were found two revolvers, extra slouch hats, skeleton keys, pliers and about \$50, which they had taken from the store at Cedar Mills.

Three Captives Young. All three highwaymen are young. The oldest is Seaton, a bootmaker, who is 25 years of age. Arthur Manning is a bookkeeper, 19 years old, and George Baldwin is a bootmaker, 17 years old.

The knowledge which the highwaymen showed of the country to the west of Portland leads the detective to believe they know something of the post-office robbery at Metzger several days ago.

Last night's robbery brings the highwaymen to the attention of the Federal authorities, as the Cedar Mills store also was a postoffice. They had the Portland late in the afternoon, taking the car as near the Cornell road as possible.

Their only show of fight was when they were confronted by Sergeant Lyons and Patrolman Wade. Manning then drew a revolver from which he fired a shot at the officers, but he was quickly arrested, and the other two were taken to the station.

MISUSE OF MAIL DENIED H. B. Riddell, Realty Dealer, to Be Tried March 15.

A plea of not guilty to a charge of having used the mails to defraud was entered in United States District Court yesterday by H. B. Riddell, who was secretary of the Oregon Inland Development Company, a real estate company now defunct. The case was set for trial March 15.

The company, according to evidence submitted at the trial of J. T. Conway and T. J. Clendinning, had made claims in its advertising that could not be substantiated. It was shown that many persons had lost money because of the operation of the company, of which Riddell was president and Conway general manager. Conway and Riddell served jail sentences.

BRITISH ACCUSE GOETHALS Explanation of Alleged Baseless Charges Asked of Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A note of inquiry has been addressed to the State Department by the British government in regard to the charges which that government alleges Goethals has admitted were baseless, against the conduct of certain British colliers in the waters of the Panama Canal zone. The communication implied that the British ship captains were harshly treated.

So far Secretary Daniels has been unable to learn just what led to the recent dismantling of the radio apparatus of a British collier at Panama, even the name of the ship being unknown. He has ordered a full report which will be laid before the State Department as a basis for its answer to the British note.

FORMER PRIEST ARRESTED Rev. Father Fitzpatrick Accused of Forging Promissory Note.

A warrant for the arrest of the Rev. James B. Fitzpatrick, formerly pastor of the Church of the Ascension, at East

Seventy-sixth and East Yamhill streets, was issued yesterday on complaint charging him with "knowingly uttering and publishing a false and forged promissory note" for \$500. The complaint was sworn to by E. R. Corbett, assistant cashier and one of the directors of the First National Bank.

Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick was reached by agents of the District Attorney's office last night and agreed to call at the courthouse this morning at 10, when he will be placed under arrest.

Father John F. Dolphin, pastor of the Church of St. John the Baptist, to whom Mr. Fitzpatrick has turned in his trouble, said last night that the latter would make no statement of his case until today, after he shall have conferred with the District Attorney.

Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick has been in the city for the past two years. He has been ill in the hospital for some time, and has been confined to his home since he was connected with the Catholic Church, it is stated by members of the clergy.

The promissory note was repudiated by Archbishop Delmonico, who, together with that of Father Fitzpatrick, was signed to it. When called on the telephone last night, Archbishop Delmonico said he knew little about the note and did not sign it.

The note was given at the First National Bank on January 15, 1912, and was marked "Due July 15, 1914."

E. R. Corbett, who signed the complaint, said he knew only that Father Fitzpatrick had been arrested, and that he had later been repudiated.

GERMAN SURVIVORS SAIL

Victor in Fight off Falkland Islands Declares British Lost Eight Killed, Fourteen Wounded.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 21.—German sailors to the number of about 100 who were saved during the fighting off the Falkland Islands in December 8, when the British squadron, under Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, defeated and sent to the bottom a German squadron composed of the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nürnberg and Leipzig, sailed from here today for England on board the steamship Crown of Galicia. They were brought into port yesterday by British merchant vessels.

The invincible showed signs of having been struck by our English shells. Nine men on board were wounded, including Commander Richard H. D. Townsend.

At the reception for the British officers in Victoria Hall yesterday an address of welcome was made by the British Minister, A. M. Innes. In response the British officers said:

"I thank you for this reception. I hope our little victory will improve conditions for British, French, Russian, and probably for the English, for England during this titanic conflict which has just begun."

"We may suffer some reverses, but our sailors will maintain their high reputation and all will go well with our army and with our French ally."

"Lord Roberts recommended military preparations; had he been listened to, the war would have been avoided. English and British merchant vessels and true interests, employed Germans for reasons of economy, but I hope that the British and British steamship companies will profit from this lesson."

BEER PUT UPON FAMILY

ALLEGED BOOTLEGER SAYS HE CONSUMED 117 BARRELS. Use of \$424 Bottles by Himself, Wife and Nine Children in Eight Months. Is Defense—Verdict Sealed.

Joseph Jacobs, a Eugene second-hand dealer, accused of selling liquor without a Government license in Eugene, a dry town, has a wife and nine children.

Evidence was submitted by the Government in Jacobs' trial before Judge Bell in United States District Court yesterday to show that he had consumed \$424 worth of beer from the Salem Brewing Association from January 1 to September 1, 1914.

Jacobs' defense was that he bought beer for family use. Assistant District Attorney Bertram turned expert testimony for the benefit of the jury, calling attention to the fact that, according to Jacobs' argument, the family must have consumed 117 barrels, or 842 bottles of the golden fluid in eight months. He said he thought this was a family record, even for a family of 11 in a dry town.

Drew Baker was one of the witnesses for the Government. A. C. Woodcock, attorney for Jacobs, cross examined him, asking him if he had carried liquor around on his person and sold it.

Baker denied that he had ever sold liquor, but admitted that he had "had a bottle" and that he had given drinks to his friends.

"That is the name as you," he added earnestly, addressing Mr. Woodcock. The jury returned a sealed verdict, which will be opened this morning.

WHEAT PRICE \$1.12 NET

Club Variety Attains Record Figure at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Wheat today for the record price this season and many seasons, bringing \$1.12 net.

Mr. James Leroux sold 18,000 bushels of winter wheat to Galveston, Tex. Bros. Company for \$1.09 for turkey red and \$1.12 for club. These prices are net.

The market opened here at \$1.10 and advanced 2 cents during the day. Most of the growers who have been able to bring on now may will let loose when prices reach \$1.25.

PORTLAND HEALTH IS GOOD

Few Cases of Contagious Diseases in City Is Report.

With but one case of smallpox and a few scattered cases of other contagious diseases, Portland is now enjoying the best health it has had in many years. The report prepared yesterday by City Health Officer Marcellus J. Baker, shows that the smallpox hospital has been closed until there is more business.

As a rule December is the month in which there is considerable contagion. This particularly is true of smallpox and typhoid fever. The report for this month so far shows no cases of diphtheria, Colorado and Wyoming Shiver.

WOODARD, CLARKE & CO. DRUGS. DOUBLE STAMPS ALL DAY TODAY. SHOP HERE—REST HERE—LUNCH HERE. The Store of Courtesy, Service and Merchandise. SELECT YOUR GIFT FROM OUR ASSORTMENT OF SPECIALTIES. Here is a partial list: Hotpoint Irons, \$3.50; Utility Sets for travelers, \$5.00; El Tosto makes perfect toast, \$3.50; Aluminum El Perco, 6-cup, \$5.00; El Grillo—toasts, fries, boils, broils, steaks, \$5.00; El Comfo, bed warmer, for \$4.50; El Teaballo, teaball tea pot, \$8.00. OUT GLASS AT HALF PRICE. MILITARY BRUSHES. Real ebony, natural ebony, turtle ebony, genuine Parisian ivory, Pyralin Ivory—\$2.00 to \$12.50. ALARM CLOCKS. Indian Special, \$5.00; Lookout, \$1.75; Taitoo Junior, \$1.75; Simplex, \$3.00. The Clocks have all the new stunts to make the drowsy one wretched.

EVERYTHING THE HEART CAN WISH IN THE LEATHER LINE—WE HAVE IT. Fitted Traveling Bags, \$18 to \$70; Fitted Suitcases on sale at \$20 to \$125; Ladies' Handbags, \$1.50 to \$35; Men's Purses on sale at \$1.00 to \$5; Wallets and Bill Folds at .25c to \$10; Umbrellas on sale at \$1.50 to \$20; Canes, \$1.00 to \$5; Canvas Umbrellas on sale at \$5 to \$6.50; Sewing Sets on sale at \$1 to \$8; Sewing Baskets, \$2.50 to \$50.00; Closets in Leather Cases, \$2.00 to \$15.00; Toilet Cases, \$2.00 to \$7.50; Novelty Brush Sets, \$1.50 to \$2.50; Automobile Matches in Pig Case, \$1.25; Playing Card Sets for any game, \$.75 to \$15.00; Collar Bags, \$.50 to \$10.00; Necktie Cases, \$1.75 to \$10.00; Manicure Cases, \$1.00 to \$20.00; Party or Vanity Cases, \$2.50 to \$25.00; Marine Cases, \$5.00 to \$10.00; Whisk Broom in Stirrups, \$1.00 to \$3.00; Library Sets in Best Steel, \$1.25 to \$ 6.75; Jewel and Button Boxes, \$1.00 to \$32.50; Gloves for Men, \$1.50 to \$ 2.50; Shoe-Polishing Outfits, \$.25 to \$ 1.00; Tablet Cases and Portfolios, \$1.50 to \$26.50; Medicine Cases and Bottle Sets, \$1.00 to \$15.00; Brief Cases for Professional Men, \$3.00 to \$25.00; Trunks, \$6.00 to \$85.00. THIS IS BUT A PARTIAL LIST. We Engrave in Gold Free All Leather Purchases of One Dollar or More. OPEN EVENINGS TO 9 O'CLOCK. WOODARD, CLARKE & CO. ALDER AT WEST PARK. OPEN EVENINGS TO 9 O'CLOCK.

OFFICER OFF FOR POST. BRIGADIER - GENERAL GEORGE BELL LEAVES VANCOUVER. Command of Fifth Brigade, Now at Galveston, Tex. to Be Assumed by ex-Inspector-General. VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Brigadier-General George Bell, who has been in command of the Seventh Brigade at this post since June, left today to assume command of the Fifth Brigade at Galveston, Tex. General Bell was stationed here when this was the Department of Columbia. He acted as Inspector-General of the department. General Bell attended the Swiss maneuvers in Switzerland in 1912 and was an observer at the maneuvers at Ft. Gate, Wash., under General Marion P. Mox, in 1912. He was promoted from Colonel to Brigadier-General last May. He was ordered to this brigade to succeed Brigadier-General Ramsay D. Potts, who retired after 47 years of active service. Mrs. Bell accompanied her husband, and she will remain in Omaha while the General goes to Galveston. Lieutenant Lawrence E. Hohl, aide-de-camp to General Bell, will accompany him. Major-General Arthur Murray, in command of the Western Department, with headquarters at San Francisco, is expected here tomorrow on a tour of inspection of the post in this section of the Northwest. Lieutenant-Colonel David J. Baker is in command of the Twenty-first Infantry, and of Vancouver Barracks.

No Christmas Dinner will be complete without Italian Swiss Colony Golden State Extra Dry California Champagne. Awarded the "Grand Prix" at Turin, Italy, October, 1911, and at Ghent, Belgium, July, 1913. At All Restaurants, Cafes, Hotels and Wine Dealers.

ACT NEEDS AMENDMENTS. (Continued From First Page.) Figures the expectancy of life of the widow and sets aside a sufficient fund to pay her pension as long as she lives. During the first six months of the operation of the law there were 32 fatal accidents, and in one case more than \$8000 was set aside for the payment of pensions to the widow and children. "The remedy for the impending crisis in the affairs of this commission and the compensation act," said C. D. Babcock, the only member in the Salem today, and who retires from the board January 1, "is an amendment wiping out the present classification and substituting six or eight new classes with basic rates ranging from one-half of one per cent to five per cent. If this is done the slightly hazardous industries will receive protection at a just and equitable rate and the extra-hazardous industries will pay their fair proportion of the losses. I am not in favor