

COMMISSION ASKED TO GIVE ACCOUNTING TO THE ACCOUNTING

Mr. Lister Orders Retrenchment in Public Service Expenditures.

DWINDLING OF FUND SHOWN

Overstepping Bounds for "Miscellaneous" Items Is Attributed to Large Force Making Valuation of Telephone Property.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—Members of the Public Service Commission have been called to account by Governor Lister for expenditures from their "miscellaneous" fund, during the first three months of this biennium, which, it is contended, would have practically exhausted the fund by the end of the present calendar year.

Of \$172,875 appropriated by the recent Legislature for the Public Service Commission, exclusive of the grain department, \$92,875 is set aside for specific purposes, including the salaries of the three members of the Commission and 19 officers.

The remaining \$80,000, in the language of the appropriation, is set aside for "salaries of stenographers, clerk hire and accountants, assistants, witness fees, assistant engineers, traveling expenses, experts, furniture, stationery, postage, office supplies and incidentals."

Early Retrenchment Pointed Out. While expenditures from the specific funds for which \$92,875 is appropriated do not exceed the monthly allowance, expenditures from the \$80,000 "miscellaneous" fund during the month of April, May and June amounted to \$25,415.25.

Monthly reports from all departments under him as to expenditures from each fund, on July 9 wrote separate letters to the three Commissioners, which, while courteously framed, were in the nature of reprimands.

The executive pointed out that if expenditures were continued for the next 21 months at the same rate, it would require more than \$200,000 instead of \$80,000 for the biennium, and also that continued expenditures at the same rate would mean the depletion of this fund soon after January 1.

Telephone Valuation Heavy Draw. The larger part of the \$25,415.25 expended thus far from the miscellaneous fund appears to have been used under the immediate direction of Chairman C. A. Reynolds at the Seattle office of the Commission, where an unusually large engineering force has been engaged in the completion of the valuation of the Bell telephone properties in the entire state.

As soon as the valuation work is completed, the Seattle office will be discontinued, and that the chairman will make his permanent office at Olympia.

Retrenchment Move Announced. After the nomination of Mr. Reynolds had remained a few weeks in "cold storage" in the rules committee, however, he was confirmed with comparatively few votes in opposition.

Chairman Reynolds was credited, soon after receiving his appointment, with a desire to move the main offices of the Commission to Seattle.

Mr. Lewis was reappointed last month for a six-year term, and also was designated by Governor Lindbergh as representative on the State Board of Equalization.

Members of the Commission declare that prior to the receipt of the Governor's letter they had started retrenchment in the miscellaneous fund.

MILLHANDS ARE LAID OFF

Ridgefield Firms Reduce Operating Forces in Dull Season.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—The Brattle-McClelland Mill Company, on account of the poor condition of the shingle market, made a reduction in wages Monday, instead of closing down entirely.

GILLNETTERS RETAIN TAX

Washington Fish Commissioner Reports Refusals to Pay Licenses.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—Gillnet salmon fishermen are practically universally refusing to pay their state license to Fish Commissioner L. H. Darwin, stating they have received this advice from their attorney, Vince H. Faben.

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RANSOM PLANS MADE

Father of Kidnaped Boy Ready to Pay \$6000 Saturday.

CASH TO BE SENT IN WAGON

Idaho Rancher Expresses Fear That Publicity Given Case May Lead Other Persons to Take Advantage of Dispatch of Money.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, July 22.—E. S. Empey has arranged to deliver \$6000 gold to a desperado for the ransom of his son Ernest, who is held somewhere in the mountains north of here.

FIRE WIPES OUT 45 HOMES

Loss at Clam-Digging Grounds Rans Into Thousands of Dollars.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—Forty-five clam-digger homes at Oyeat on the North Ocean beach were burned to the ground Sunday night, according to word received here today.

BOY SCOUTS AT SEASIDE

Troop 11, of Portland, Will Camp at Cannon Beach.

INFORMER WANTS REVENGE

"Clairvoyant Trust Fixer" Admits Motive in Giving Testimony.

CHICAGO, July 22.—Revenge prompted Christian P. ("Barney") Bertsche to turn informer according to his own story, as related today in the trial of bribery charged against ex-Detective Joseph J. "Boss" Quinn.

SALMON CAPTURED WITH HANDS

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—Catching a 12-pound salmon out of the Pacific Ocean with one's bare hands is some trick, but that is what G. W. Elliott, of Westport, Wash., did.

CENTRALIA CHURCH REPAIRED

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—A force of men started work this morning on the remodeling of the Presbyterian Church. The structure will be thoroughly overhauled and repaired.

SHERIFFS TO MEET AUGUST 19

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—R. L. Schelder, Chief of Police, today received notice of the annual meeting of the Washington State Sheriff's Association, which will be held in South Bend August 19, 20 and 21.

JAIL DOORS OPEN CHARGE

Removal of Federal Prisoners From "Honor System" Is Ordered.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 22.—Attorney-General Gregory has ordered that Charles E. Houston, former general manager of the Pacific Coast Coal Company, under imprisonment for conspiracy to defraud the United States Government in the sale of coal for Alaska Army posts, and Edward Phillips, convicted of violation of the Mann act, be taken to the Pierce County Jail at Tacoma and confined there.

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WEDDING FEATURES WENATCHEE PICNIC

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HART MILL OPERATES FULL TIME

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—The Hart shingle mill on Braylin Mountain, near Keaja, has resumed operations, having been leased by O. D. Baker.

CANNING TALK GIVEN AT LEBANON

LEBANON, Or., July 22.—(Special.)—The canning demonstration car in charge of F. L. Griffin, state agent of the Boys and Girls Club work at Oregon Agricultural College, was in Lebanon Tuesday.

FARMER THRASHES EMPLOYE, PAYS \$10

THE DALLES, Or., July 22.—(Special.)—Bert Conklin, a prominent ranchman of the Wrentham district, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon in Justice Court here today over an altercation with one of his employees regarding the proper way to load a header.

The notice was sent by Fred McCorkle, Sheriff of Thurston County, and secretary of the association, who said in his letter that an interesting programme is being prepared.

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