

CURBING OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES HINTED

Intimidation of Clerks and Move to Take Jobs From Civil Service Charged.

"OFFICIAL BULLETIN" OUT

"Orders" of Postmaster Myers Said to Reflect Wishes of Mr. Burleson to Build Up Political Machine for Administration.

Another step in the rather delicate and arduous task of intimidating the employees of the postal service, harnessing their political interest and expression and paving the way for the fight to withdraw certain postal jobs from the civil service has just been made by Postmaster-General Burleson, whose wishes have been put into the form of an "official bulletin" in Portland by Postmaster P. S. Myers.

The "official bulletin" has precipitated undisguised resentment among the local postoffice clerks who are members of one or more of the four postal clerks' organizations. The "official bulletin" is issued weekly, "for the information and guidance of postoffice employees and not for publication," and the next sentence explains that what is contained "herein have the same weight and effect as orders."

Clerks' Activities Disturb. The "orders" then go on to point out that the Postoffice Department is disturbed by the activities of the various postal clerks' organizations in obtaining legislation favorable to themselves, and that they have reached the department "that these organizations are becoming active politically and are attempting to control the nomination and election of candidates to public office, as well as to influence administrative officers in the matter of promotions and removals in violation of the spirit of the civil service law and the merit system."

Portland postoffice clerks were equally disturbed by the department's interest in the matter. The cause is apparent, they say, because a large proportion of the postal clerks throughout the country are Republicans or not necessarily Democratic in politics.

The "Official Bulletin" which is issued for the "information and guidance of postal employees," also goes on to state that "unless such activities cease they will nullify the merit system and ultimately result in either the withdrawal of these positions from the classified service or the repeal of section 5 of the act of August 24, 1912."

"Friendly" Employees Wanted. The postal clerks throughout the country are seizing upon this as a card incidentally dropped by the Postmaster-General in his little game to eliminate from the civil service the postal clerks and open the way for the local postmasters to appoint clerks who are of adverse political faith and enshrine themselves behind strong organizations of political discipline.

The clerks throughout the country are members either of the Railway Postal Clerks, the Mail Carriers' Association, the National Postal Clerks' Association or the Federated Postal Clerks, the last-named organization being affiliated with the Federation of Labor.

The Postmaster-General deems it a "duty" to point out the situation as it now is, notwithstanding he regrets the necessity.

Portland postal clerks and carriers hold that the Postmaster-General's interpretation of their activity in obtaining legislation is wrong and say the legislation they have worked for corresponds only with legislation sought by various other organizations of workers not in the government service, such as the bettering of pay, better working conditions and laws with mutually beneficial results to the service and to the individuals.

Politics Back of Move. The department is only finding a pretense to carry on its fight to curtail the postal employees' civil service and allow the local postmasters to surround themselves with political friends," said one of the postal clerks in Portland yesterday. "The bulletin issued January 5 here is devoted almost entirely to extracts from the annual report of the Postmaster-General dealing with the activities of the clerks. Every postal clerk knows it is a step in the fight to nullify the civil service laws or to intimidate the clerks and deprive them of a constitutional right until such a time as the department's plan can be put over or put down."

The department is worried from a political viewpoint only, it is a widely known fact that a preponderance of the postal clerks throughout the country is Republican in principle. The department wants to get rid of the Republicans can be ousted and in their places sympathetic political friends installed. The last bulletin will have a tendency to accomplish just the opposite of what was intended by it—that of intimidating the employees of the service.

The "official bulletin" admits that the department is using many of its agents to build up the political fences and tear down political barriers in the following paragraph, also from the annual report of the Postmaster-General: "Officials Are Alert."

"The menace of the public's just claim upon the postal establishment has not lain wholly in the activities of these and other single sets of interests, but also and in larger degree in what appears to be a combination of these interests. Much time of department officials which otherwise would have been devoted to increased postal

efficiency necessarily has been required in an effort to prevent these agencies from accomplishing their purpose."

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Successor to Dr. Carlos Visetti Seeks to Establish Direct Trade Relations Between Pacific Coast and Italy.

Ettore G. Fioridali, Royal Italian Consular agent, recently appointed to succeed Dr. Carlos Visetti, arrived in the city Monday and has established offices in the Stock Exchange building.

Mr. Fioridali comes to this city from Spokane, where for the past six years he has been the representative of the Italian government under the Italian Consul at Seattle. He is considered especially well fitted to assume the duties of Consul here, having become thoroughly acquainted with business conditions on the Pacific Coast and being extensively acquainted in business circles.

The prospects of active trade relations with Italy are depicted in attractive colors by Mr. Fioridali. He promises that after the war many obstructions will have been removed. Among the benefits that he hopes to secure for Portland will be direct steam connections with Italian ports. "We need but to establish introductory trade relations with Italian exporters and importers," he said yesterday, "and an extensive trade can soon be developed. There are many articles that formerly came to us through indirect channels and the prices were consequently advanced many per cent. As a result, the consumption of these articles in this country was low."

"We desire to have the Americans acquainted with some of the goods in which the Italian manufacturers excel. We have been large customers of Germany, when we could have bought from Italy at fairer prices and obtained better goods. Colored postcards are a small item, but the business in a year runs into millions. Cards made by Italian artists were sold indirectly through Germany and labeled, 'made in Germany.' My efforts here will be spent largely with these matters of business which may ultimately benefit both the Americans and the Italians."

Children of the present allottees, Chief No. 317 of the Walla Walla, will start for Washington, D. C., tomorrow to take up the matter personally with the Indian bureau. The Indians are much divided over the controversy.

Chief No. 317 held a meeting of 300 Indians at his place yesterday to arouse opposition, this move being led by Captain Sampkin and No. 317.

Between 75 and 100 have signed No. 317's petition and 50 more say they are willing to co-operate.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. E. Sox, of Albany, is at the Seward. C. W. Barr, of Astoria, is at the Multnomah. Jack Cray, of Hood River, is at the Perkins.

F. G. Kelly, of Rainier, is registered at the Carlton. D. E. Hunter, of Bend, is registered at the Portland.

J. R. Stone, of Seattle, is registered at the Nortonia. T. H. Boyd, of Seattle, is registered at the Multnomah.

K. J. McKenzie, of Dallas, is registered at the Carlton. M. E. O'Connell, of Winlock, is registered at the Oregon.

J. H. Estes, of Pendleton, is registered at the Perkins. W. E. Pearce, of Seattle, is registered at the Oregon.

F. L. Myers is registered at the Oregon from La Grande. E. K. Smith is registered at the Nortonia from Bonita.

D. E. Witt, of Lyle, Wash., is registered at the Cornelius. L. D. Robinson is registered at the Perkins from Dayton.

Mrs. T. Bower, of Beaverton, is registered at the Cornelius. A. H. Lea, of Salem, was registered at the Imperial yesterday.

T. W. Luak arrived at the Perkins from Silverton yesterday. J. A. Gibbush, of Astoria, arrived at the Multnomah yesterday.

Frank Pollett, of Newburg, arrived at the Cornelius yesterday. N. S. Whetstone, of Heppner, arrived at the Multnomah yesterday.

Howard Waterman, of Olympia, is registered at the Portland. G. A. Lindsay, of San Francisco, is registered at the Nortonia.

Michael Stewart is registered at the Portland from Sappho, Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lafar are registered at the Seward from Salem.

Henry K. Love is registered at the Multnomah from Underwood, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown, of Multnomah, are registered at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dixon, are registered at the Nortonia from Eugene. Miss E. Wilson and Miss E. Harmon arrived at the Carlton yesterday from Flavel.

A. B. Cornell arrived in the city from Grants Pass yesterday. He is registered at the Imperial. E. A. Jones and L. Lloyd, of Great Falls, Mont., are registered at the Multnomah, where they arrived yesterday.

D. N. Smith and Miss A. Smith, who arrived in the city recently from Rome, Ga., are registered at the Washington. R. W. Douglas and R. P. Duncan are registered at the Seward, where they arrived yesterday. They are from Seattle.

Governor Withycombe arrived in the city yesterday to attend the banquet of the Oregon Foresters. He was registered at the Imperial. Mrs. H. A. Cushing, of Alexandria Court, left for Seattle yesterday, whither she was called on account of the serious illness of her father.

Walter E. Wiesendanger, a well-known young business man of Portland, leaves today for a two weeks' trip through Southern California. The song recital by Mrs. George Sanford (Sophie Bader) has been postponed indefinitely on account of the indisposition of Mrs. Sanford who has a severe cold.

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MURDER TRIAL IS NOISY

TALESMAN GETS PAMPHLET FAVORING BOMB SUSPECT. Defense Charges Framup by Prosecution and Opposing Counsel and Court Engage in Uproar.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—Uproar reigned in the murder trial of Thomas J. Mooney here today when S. Bestandig, a talesman, produced a pamphlet favoring the defense which was received in the mail today. It is a felony to attempt to influence the minds of jurors or talesmen. The defense denied any connection with the event.

"It's a frameup and I'll prove it," cried W. Bourke Cockran, chief of counsel for Mooney.

"It follows the publication of letters given out by the District Attorney's office with lying intent."

"I don't propose to be called a liar," interjected Charles M. Fickert, District Attorney. "If you can't protect us," addressing the court, "we'll get somebody else."

Judge Franklin A. Griffin, presiding, hammered with his gavel.

"I don't want any more of that kind of talk from you," Mr. Fickert said. "Sit down. The court will go to the bottom of this."

Talesman Bestandig had been asked by the prosecution if he had an opinion in the case.

"Yes," he said. "I got it from this letter," and tossed the pamphlet on a table. Everybody pounced for it. It proved to be a document entitled "The Framup System," written by Robert Minor and published by the International Workers' Defense League.

ALCOHOL GOES IN SEWER

24 Quarts Captured at Lebanon Is Poured Out By City.

LEBANON, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Twenty-four quarts of alcohol taken in a raid last week by Frank Richard, City Marshal, was poured into the sewer by the Marshal and City Attorney Newport, who prosecuted the case.

An officer of the internal revenue collector's was also present, and after the alcohol label on the bottles was destroyed, the city disposed of the liquor. He preserved the shipping tags and names of shipper and consignee.

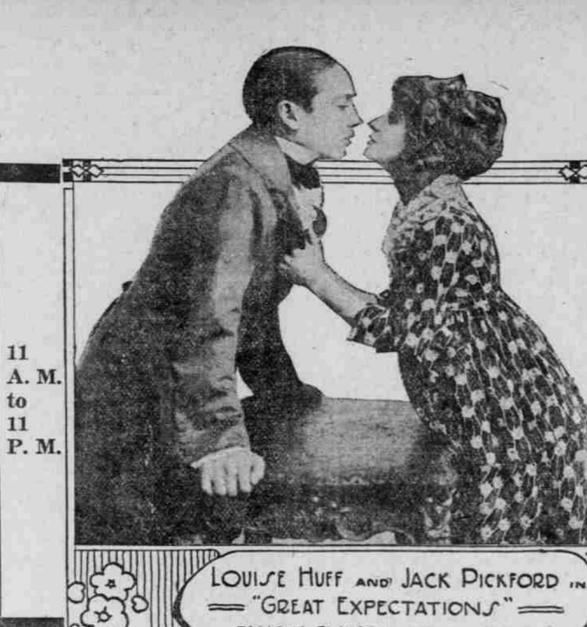
The person to whom the liquor was consigned has disappeared.

COUNTY LEVY TO BE 16.7

Rate in Washington Districts Without High Schools 17.3.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Washington County's levy this year will be 16.7 in districts having high schools and 17.3 in districts without Districts having high schools are Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Beaverton, Tualatin and Orenco. In all others 2 of a mill is added for the high school tuition fund.

Notwithstanding heavy appropriations for roads in the general fund, the total levy is only 2 of a mill less than that of last year, and the total amount it will yield is \$363,761.91.



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Coming Sunday to the Star, a photoplay which will be the sensation of Portland—it is called "And the Law Says"—Richard Bennett and Rhea Mitchell, the Portland girl, are the stars.

HEARING ON FRIDAY

State Health Officer to Conduct Baby Home Probe.

WOMAN BRINGS CHARGES Several Prominent Portland Women Are Expected to Furnish Interesting Testimony—Mrs. Cellars' Dismissal Aired.

Management of the Baby Home will be investigated at a hearing set for tomorrow in the offices of Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer, in the Seiling building. The hearing is set for 2 o'clock, and it is probable it will continue throughout the day.

It was originally determined to have the hearing today, but Dr. Roberg was unable to secure the attendance of all the witnesses he desired at that time.

addition to Mrs. Cellars, who will appear as a witness at the hearing against the present administration, employees of the home and former members of the staff are expected to appear and testify.

As state health officer, Dr. Roberg has supervision of the Baby Home management. The institution is supported chiefly by appropriations by the Legislature, the sum of \$10 a month for each baby in the institution being paid aside from state funds.

Some highly interesting testimony is promised at the hearing, a number of prominent Portland women who have been connected with the conduct of the home, either directly or indirectly, being expected to testify.

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Mrs. Cellars charged that Mrs. Burns ran the institution in a high-handed way, without respect to the by-laws of the organization, and that the power lodged in her as president was misused. Other trustees, she said, are content to let Mrs. Burns run things, and she alone has spoken enough to voice protest from state funds.

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warehouse owned by the J. F. Luse Land Company and situated about a mile from the town of Sutherlin. About 50 tons of hay stored in the building also was destroyed. The building was valued at about \$2000, on which the owners carried \$500 insurance. The hay was worth about \$700. W. E. St. John, receiver for the Luse Land Company, said he thought the fire was ignited by tramps who had taken refuge there for the night.

Luse Land Company Loses by Fire.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Igniting from some unknown source, fire early yesterday destroyed the big



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Aberdeen Plan's Receiver Named.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The Aberdeen manufacturing plant of this city has gone into the hands of W. E. Paine, receiver, upon the application of Charles R. Wilson estate and others. The liabilities of the concern are said to be \$48,000, of which \$18,000 is secured by a mortgage. Papers in the suit place the value of the plant at \$12,000 and accounts receivable at \$11,000.

Albany College Girls to Sing.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The Girls' Glee Club of Albany College will give a concert in Portland Friday evening at the Westminster Presbyterian church. The occasion of the concert is a meeting of the Christian Endeavor societies of the Presbyterian churches of Portland.

Silverton Pastor Resigns.

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Eason, who for two years has been pastor of the Christian Church in this city, has tendered his resignation, to take effect next Sunday. At this time all the churches of Silverton will unite in a farewell reception. Rev. Mr. Eason will give his entire attention to his farm near Albany.