

2-YEAR TERM GIVEN TO MR. ALDERMAN

Action Is Opposed by S. P. Lockwood.

DELAY OF MONTH IS URGED

Women Want Time to Present Case Against School Head.

MRS. C. A. HART IS SPEAKER

Two-Group Plan, Advocated by Mr. Alderman, Also Authorized Over Mr. Lockwood's Protest—Other Officials Are Re-elected.

L. R. Alderman, superintendent of Portland schools, was re-elected yesterday by the School Board for a two-year term, dating from the expiration of his present contract on June 30.

D. A. Grout and C. A. Rice, assistant superintendents, and R. H. Thomas, school clerk, also were re-elected for a like term. There was no change in salaries in any of the four offices.

The vote for the re-election of Mr. Alderman and his assistants was overwhelming. O. M. Plummer made the motion and there was but one vote against it, that of S. P. Lockwood, who a year ago, when Superintendent Alderman was re-elected for a one-year term, voiced the most bitter opposition to his continued tenure in office.

Mr. Lockwood Stands Alone.

Director Lockwood again announced himself as against the retention of Mr. Alderman as head of the Portland school system at yesterday's meeting. After a short talk, however, he gained no support and voted alone in the negative.

Mrs. Charles A. Hart, one of a group of Irvington women who were present, asked the board if she might be heard at the conclusion of Mr. Lockwood's remarks, which were met with some applause from these women. The request was unusual, as the Directors are vested with the sole right to choose a city superintendent.

However, the Directors gave her the right to speak, and she asked that the election be delayed one month and that notice be given of the date chosen. The request was not given further consideration by the board.

Plan for Delay Denied.

Mrs. Hart said afterward she wanted the election delayed so that a showing might be made in opposition to the retention of Superintendent Alderman. However, as the meeting broke up, a number of the women present wished Mr. Alderman success.

The motion by Director Plummer, seconded by Dr. Alan Welch Smith, for the re-election of Superintendent Alderman brought a quick note of opposition from Director Lockwood.

"I was opposed to the re-election of Mr. Alderman a year ago, and said so at that time," he declared. "Everything I said at that time has been confirmed in my own mind, in our experience since."

"I believe that when a large per cent of the community is opposed to any man, whether he be a good man or not, he is not suited to a position such as this."

Two-Group Plan Adopted.

"It is a well-known fact that a large percentage of the community do not give their confidence to the superintendent. So far as I am concerned, I shall vote against his re-election at this or any other time."

Mr. Lockwood also moved that the election be postponed for one month, in accord with the request of Mrs. Hart, but he received no second. Directors Beach, Plummer, Smith and Drake voted for the re-election and Mr. Lockwood against it.

Director Lockwood also saw his hopes blasted yesterday when he tried to defeat the adoption of the two-group plan in Portland schools. He alone opposed the plan, and the vote was four to one in favor of it. Superintendent Alderman was directed to establish this system in such schools as he shall see fit. Plans call for the new mode of operation in 18 schools, to become effective at the beginning of the new semester.

Plan Declared Life-Saver.

By means of the two-group plan, as it is called here, time is saved for the teaching staff. It has been in effect in some of the city institutions, and it has been found that \$10 out of the 120 minutes of the school week can be saved in a school where it is put into operation.

Superintendent Alderman submitted figures yesterday to show that \$20,000 can be saved in a year by adopting the system in the 18 schools where a change is desired.

Under the two-group plan, a teacher hears one class recite while another is preparing its lesson and the work of teachers is taken over in part by supervisors. Under the old plan a teacher handled as many as 10 subjects, in all of which she could not be expected to be proficient.

Charts were shown the Board that indicated gains in efficiency in two-group schools of 15 per cent and more, and at the same time greater economy was urged for it.

This point was objected to by Director Lockwood. He gave figures

CLEAN BILL GIVEN IDAHO REGIMENT

SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FILES REPORT.

Major Martin, Chief Mustered Officer, Arrives at Request of Colonel to Give His O. K.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The second Idaho Regiment and the United States Army officers in charge of its demobilization at the Boise Barracks here were given a clean bill of health by the Senate investigating committee of the Legislature when it filed its report today. Simultaneously with the filing was the arrival in the city of Colonel J. B. McDonald, Inspector-General of the Western Division of the War Department, who is here at the request of Major Amos Martin, chief muster officer, to inspect the regiment and barracks "for the good of the service."

Major Martin made the request for his official stamp of approval because of the action taken by the Legislature and charges made about the sanitary conditions, deaths, food, etc., at the post.

FAIR CANDIDATE MAY SUE

Woman Declares Husband Counted Her Out of Contest for Constable.

DAVENPORT, Wash., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Chris Lyne, who claims to have been elected constable of Govan by a vote of four times that of her nearest opponent but who was unable to qualify because of the election board returns showing the election of a man, says she may require the election officials to explain their action.

A peculiarity of the case is the fact that one of the election officials, the presiding judge, was her husband.

The actual complexion of the vote was made known last week, when the legislative committee counted the entire ballot of Lincoln county to decide a legislative seat. Mrs. Lyne has consulted authorities to ascertain her rights in the case. In anticipation of some action of that kind, Frank Kiner, who was declared elected, also has failed to qualify.

CASCADE COUNTY DEBATED

Oregon City and Estacada Delegations Speak Before Committee.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Proponents of the proposed Cascade County presented their pleas before the House committee on counties and a crowd of nearly 1000 persons tonight.

Walter Glens was the principal spokesman. Opposing him were O. D. Eby and a big delegation of Oregon City people, who want Clackamas County to remain undivided.

Estacada is to be the county seat of the new county if the Legislature creates it.

PRIESTS TO GET CHARGE

American Intervention Obtains Fair Trial for Accused Pair.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Representations by the United States for a fair trial for two Mexican priests sentenced to death at Zacatecas on charge of aiding Villa have been successful.

The American Embassy in Mexico City has been informed that as a result they will not be tried under a law which gives them no opportunity for defense.

ARIZONA RECOUNT IS ON

New Phase of Gubernatorial Contest Begins in Court.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 25.—The Arizona gubernatorial contest entered a new phase today, when the recount of the ballots was begun in Judge Stanford's division of the Superior Court.

One hundred and fifty-seven ballots had been counted before adjournment, 15 of which were alleged defective by one side or the other, and laid aside for judicial determination.

PRECEDENT IS SMASHED

President Wilson Walks Over to Treasury to See Mr. McAdoo.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—President Wilson broke another precedent today when he walked over to the Treasury Department from the White House to see Secretary McAdoo in his private office.

It was said unimportant routine questions were discussed during the 10-minute call.

TRAMP HAS REAL FUNERAL

Illinois Village Stops Work and Buries Victim of Exposure.

AVON, Ill., Jan. 25.—Rather than see a friendless tramp, who died of exposure, buried in a pauper's grave, the residents of this place gave him a public funeral today.

Villagers closed their shops for half a day, bought floral offerings and followed the hearse to the cemetery.

STEAMER SALE CONFIRMED

Minnesota Said to Have Bought Its Owners \$2,750,000.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25.—Sale of the Hill steamer Minnesota was confirmed today by L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad.

The ship is said to have sold for \$2,750,000.

REDLIGHT WOMEN ASK VOICE IN FATE

Pastor-Crusader Confronted in Church.

VICE LAID TO LOW WAGES

None Willing to Leave Life for \$10 a Week.

SUGGESTION LAUGHED AT

Leader Denounces Men as Responsible for Conditions, and Says Mothers Should Rear Their Sons Differently.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Five hundred women invaded the church of Rev. Paul Smith here today to find out what he proposed to do about women of the underworld in carrying out a vice crusade he has been leading. They took the position that they were directly interested.

Motion picture men were on hand and took pictures of them as they swarmed up the steps of Rev. Mr. Smith's church, the Central Methodist Episcopal, located downtown.

The women were under the leadership of Mrs. R. M. Gamble, said by the police to conduct a disorderly house. As news of the affair spread other women joined in.

Vice Mass Meeting Held.

A mass meeting was held tonight to protest against vice conditions in the uptown territory. In spite of the fact that the Board of Police Commissioners conceded last night practically every demand of the anti-vice crusaders in the way of reform regulations for the reports against which the vice crusade in Chicago in 1910-11, and the campaign had been directed.

Rabbi Jacob Nieto, who was to have been one of the speakers, declined to attend on the ground, he said, that when the Police Commissioners acted as they did last night the object of the campaign had been achieved and there was nothing to "mass meet" about.

Others who spoke were Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, of the Episcopal Church of Oregon, who headed an anti-vice crusade in Chicago in 1910-11, and Walter MacArthur, United States Shipping Commissioner and labor leader.

As a preliminary to the meeting earlier in the day at which the women appeared, two policemen were stationed at the door of the church and the men hangers-on of the vice district were ordered out of the auditorium. Mrs. Gamble began with a statement that she had conducted a disorderly house for eight years, and continued:

"Small Wages Not Inducement."

"I want to ask first how many of the women in your church would accept us into their homes, even to work? You would cast us out—where? There isn't one among us here who would not quit this life for decent work. But we won't quit for a wage (Concluded on Page 5, Column 2.)

ELECTION CALLED OVER \$300 LOT

OWNER OF REJECTED SITE FOR FIREHOUSE TAKES ACTION.

West Linn Council Thinks Price Too High and Property Too Far From Center of Town.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Over the question of the purchase of a \$300 lot, the city of West Linn will have an election. James Downey, of the Willamette district, who tried unsuccessfully to sell to the City Council a lot for a site for a firehouse, has deposited with Recorder Porter petitions calling for an initiative election March 5.

The petitions will probably be formally filed tomorrow, as the Recorder has 10 days after receiving the petitions to go through this formality.

The City Council, while not agreed on the site of the proposed firehouse, is unanimous in opposing the Downey lot, which is not on the main street of West Linn. Mr. Downey wants \$300 for his property, and the city has had offers of lots nearer the center of the town for \$100.

Mr. Downey circulated petitions asking the Council to buy his property, and as soon as he learned that the Council intended to purchase other property he drew up petitions for an initiative election.

FOX PELT IS WORTH \$1000

Idaho Mining Man Catches Fine Silver Tip Specimen.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—A silver-tip fox pelt estimated to be worth its size in \$100 bills is being exhibited in the Central Idaho country by John Hanson, a Leesburg mining man, who made the lucky capture. It is two feet long from tip to tip and almost black except for a snowball at the end of the brush and a few white spines along the back.

The white is strikingly distinct against the black fur of the body. It reported that foxes of this description have been seen for several years in the upper Salmon River district in Idaho.

Experts value the pelt at \$1000.

HAWAII'S "DRY" BILL IN

Committee Reports Favorably Drastic Measure to House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Hawaiian prohibition bill, designed, like an Alaskan measure already agreed on, to make the territory "bone dry," was favorably reported to the House today by the territories committee.

The measure goes before the House with drastic provisions against manufacture, sale, transportation, gift, possession or other use of intoxicating liquor, with certain exceptions as to medicinal or scientific use.

LANSING NOT TO RESIGN

Persistent Reports Are Officially Denied in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Flat denials were authorized by the White House and Secretary Lansing today of published reports that Mr. Lansing is preparing to resign.

The Secretary said he attributed persistent circulation of such reports to an attempt to discredit President Wilson's policies through an appearance of discord within the Cabinet.

One Bill to Get \$1,250,000.

Following is approximately the acreage under cruise: The Gardner Mill Company, 35,000 acres; C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing Company, 27,000 acres; Sparrow & Krali, Spokane.

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OPTIONS CLOSED IN VAST TIMBER DEAL

Rich Spruce Holdings in Coos Are Taken.

EASTERN COMPANY IS BUYER

Consideration of \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 Involved.

LAND TOUCHES RAILROAD

Survey Expected to Show at Least 3,500,000,000 Feet, Divided Between Fir and Spruce—Spot Cash Is to Be Paid.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—With options just closed on more than 100,000 acres of spruce and fir timber land on the Lower Umpqua and Smith rivers, a large Eastern paper manufacturing company today placed a number of cruisers on the property and will have it cruised as quickly as possible with a view to completing the purchase at once for cash.

According to the figures of owners of the lands the purchase when completed will embody 3,500,000,000 board feet of timber and the price will be somewhere between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

100,000 Acres Involved.

The cost is estimated in connection with the prices and former cruises. It is believed the new cruising will probably increase the amount of timber supposed to be contained on the 100,000 acres rather than lessen it.

The options cover practically the last great body of spruce on the Pacific Coast, and although the timber is not so large as some found in Northern Washington, it is of the very finest quality paper spruce. The land under option lies contiguous to the Willamette-Pacific Railroad, for approximately 20 miles, about 10 north and the same distance south of the Umpqua.

Spruce Is Near Sea.

The spruce belt runs in a somewhat regular line and is several miles broad and ranges from six or eight to 10 miles from the sea. The belt follows the river towards the east as well. The spruce area, as it is classed, has a very heavy proportion of this timber, running generally from two-thirds to three-fourths spruce and the remainder fir. This is the property on the Umpqua and along the railway.

On the land optioned on Smith River the timber runs almost wholly fir. The heavy holdings of fir will not detract in any manner from the availability of the timber for papermaking, since it can be used together with the spruce in certain quantities.

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TAX ON LAND IN GRANT AREA AIM

REPRESENTATIVE BEAN TO INTRODUCE BILL TODAY.

Proposal Will Be Made to Relieve Counties of State Assessment Until Payments Come In.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Despite the Federal Government's claim to title in the lands of the Oregon & California grant, the Legislature may assert the sovereignty right of the state to tax those properties tomorrow.

Representative Bean, of Lane County, one of the counties in which a big area of the Oregon & California lands are situated, has prepared a bill asserting such rights and will introduce it in the House tomorrow.

The measure is intended to empower the Assessors of the several counties to list the lands on the 1916 assessment rolls and to relieve these counties from the payment of state taxes thereon until these taxes are collected. Under provisions of such a bill the counties naturally would look to the Southern Pacific Railroad for their taxes. The Southern Pacific, as lessee of the Oregon & California corporation, had title to the property until divested of it by the Federal Supreme Court decision.

The grant involves 2,360,492 acres, of which 2,075,616 acres are patented. Their assessed valuation is \$22,564,270, on which the affected counties in Western Oregon received \$460,000 annually in taxes, until the Government won its suit for title.

TAFT LAUDS WILSON'S ACT

President's Address to Senate Declared "Epoch in Foreign Policy."

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 25.—Ex-President Taft, in an address here tonight, declared President Wilson's recent address to the Senate was "an epoch in the history of our foreign policy," and his advocacy of our participation in a world league was a most powerful aid to his formation.

Mr. Taft said he was in cordial sympathy with the President's insistence that the United States cannot join a world movement to preserve "a peace which is unjust and contains in its unfair terms assurance of its temporary character."

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Townpeople Accused of Preying on Students.

SINGLE BOARD ADVOCATED

Consolidation of Administration of University and Agricultural College Recommended in Report Filed Yesterday.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—That there is a tendency on the part of Corvallis and Eugene citizens to take advantage of the students at the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College in charging them for living facilities and sometimes "grafting them to the limit"; that a condition exists among the Greek-letter societies at the university that "is undemocratic and dangerous"; that a feeling of jealousy exists between the university and the Agricultural College, and there is little or no tendency between the two institutions to co-operate in educational matters, with a tendency to duplicate work, a condition "that is detrimental to both institutions," are some of the findings made by the special legislative investigating committee, which filed its report with the Legislature today.

The statement also is made that the university and Monmouth Normal School should keep within their milage taxes.

Committee Dates to 1915.

The committee was authorized to make the investigation by the last Legislative Assembly and members of the committee were Representative Charles Childs, Senator W. H. Strayer, Representatives E. V. Littlefield and W. W. Cardwell and Senator George M. McBride. Representative Childs and Senator Strayer are members of the present Legislature.

Speaking of living conditions at the schools, the report says that the high cost of living will bar many students; that living is high at both Corvallis and Eugene, and that in some cases house rent is 100 per cent higher than it should be. It declares that in one case a group of students was found paying \$100 a year rent for a house that could be built in any city in Oregon for \$4000 or less. These conditions are practically the same at both institutions, it is asserted. "While there is apparently nothing that the heads of the institutions can do, we feel that the students are getting a square deal," says the report.

Cliches Found Disadvantageous.

Referring to sororities and fraternities, the report says that the organizations are really helpful in the beginning, "but cliches soon develop and different fraternities entertain each other. . . . At the University of Oregon, it costs as much to join the Greek letter fraternities as it does to join a lodge like the Masons or Oddfellows, in some cases \$25 or \$30 to become a member. . . . Students can become members by invitation only. At the university we find fraternities and sororities, or girls' societies, flourishing, and we understand that there are more to be added. A condition exists there that is undemocratic and dangerous. We believe that no more secret societies should be allowed to be organized and that the fraternity system be discouraged as much as possible."

It is declared that at the university the fraternity system flourishes to such an