

MINOR PATRONAGE IN STATE OFFICES SAFE

No Great Shake-Up as Result of Election Expected.

SPENCE WORTMAN TO GO

Activity of Sealer of Weights and Measures Against O. P. Hoff Probably Has Sealed His Fate.

No great shakeup among the minor holders of political office is probable as a result of the recent election. Governor Withycombe was re-elected and it is presumed he will not disturb any of his appointees. There is a little patronage which Charles Gram will have to distribute as State Labor Commissioner and there are a few appointments at the disposal of O. P. Hoff, newly-elected State Treasurer, and that is about the extent of the list.

Possibly on account of the heated contest in the primaries for the nomination for State Treasurer more speculation is indulged in, as to what Mr. Hoff will do than what Mr. Gram contemplates. The rumors are there will be a number of resignations from the State Treasurer's office in the Capitol building. Having been particularly active against Mr. Hoff in the primaries and supporting T. R. Ryan, Mr. Hoff's opponent, the fortunes of war have eliminated Spence Wortman, who has held the job of Deputy State Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Lester W. Davis Named.

It is said that Lester W. Davis may be the successor to the \$2400-a-year position from which Wortman is to be separated. Mr. Davis is a newspaper man who has worked on Portland and Salem papers.

For chief deputy Joseph G. Richardson may be the choice, judging from word carried to Portland from Salem. Mr. Richardson is a member of the Multnomah delegation and will serve as Representative in the coming session. Formerly he was state corporation examiner for three years. There was expectation in some quarters that Mr. Hoff would feel so kindly disposed toward Mr. Ryan, who is now the chief deputy in the Treasurer's office, that he would retain him in the place.

Mr. Ryan, after being defeated by Hoff for the nomination, was within an ace of being an independent against him in the general election, according to the gossip of last summer, but at the eleventh hour announced that he would not be an independent.

Ryan Former County Judge.

The state central committee is said to have frowned upon defeated primary candidates becoming independents. Before receiving his appointment from State Treasurer Kay, Ryan had been County Judge of Clackamas County.

So far as Mr. Hoff is concerned, he has admitted that he has decided on his appointees, but he is not making public his selections.

Two former Representatives are reported as in the field for jobs at the coming session. Benton Bowman, who was one of the Washington County delegation, is writing letters asking for support for calendar clerk in the House. Former Representative Lungert is mentioned as aspirant for a minor place, sergeant-at-arms.

Herewith are lobby statements hot off the firing line in the big Winter drive for the Speakership:

Five Candidates for Speaker.
Ben C. Sheldon (one of 'em)—Eighteen of the 60 Representatives have said that Sheldon is their first choice for Speaker. I am not saying, however, that I have 18 members pledged in black and white. Among the 18 are

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some Multnomah County votes. There are five candidates for Speaker and there is not one who can be eliminated from calculations at this time, and I believe the fight will go right on to the end.

K. E. Kubli (another of 'em)—Notwithstanding what some people may say, I am still the strongest man for Speaker. I suggested that the Republican County Central Committee call a caucus of the Multnomah delegation so that the delegation can unite. The way for the Multnomah delegation to accomplish results is to go united. I haven't made a single promise, although one Representative came to me with about 17 bills and asked me to look them over and told me that if I approved of them he might support me for Speaker. Told him I didn't want his support on that kind of basis.

ITALIAN FEUD IS RENEWED

FERRERA DEMANDS INVESTIGATION OF STATEMENT.

Newspaper Said to Have Assailed Moral Character of Attorney in No Uncertain Terms.

After a cessation of nearly a year, the bitter factional fight in Portland's Italian colony broke out afresh yesterday, when Albert B. Ferrera, an attorney, appeared before District Attorney Evans and demanded a grand jury investigation of Dr. C. Visetti, editor and publisher of the Italian Journal.

The Italian Journal, in its issue of November 23, launched a lengthy and alleged vicious attack against the character of Mr. Ferrera in a front-page editorial letter under the signature of Dr. Visetti. This article, according to the district attorney's office, is far more bitter than those published a year ago, at which time several indictments were returned by the grand jury as a result of the controversy between the two Italian factions.

The newspaper attack which Attorney Ferrera asks be made the basis of a grand jury investigation assails the latter's moral character in no uncertain terms, and calls upon the City Health Bureau to take Mr. Ferrera in charge. Although published in the Italian newspaper, the attack against Mr. Ferrera is printed in English. This issue of the Italian Journal is said to have been widely distributed, and several copies were received by members of the district attorney's office.

The fight between the two Italian factions last year resulted in several charges of criminal libel. The factional leaders later promised District Attorney Evans that they would stop their newspaper attacks, and it had been generally believed that the differences had been adjusted.

Dr. Visetti a year ago was tried in the Circuit Court on an indictment charging him with the criminal libel of Eugene Brennan, Italian Consul at Seattle. Dr. Visetti at that time was acquitted.

Mr. Evans said yesterday that another grand jury investigation will be made as a result of the new outbreak in the Italian colony and witnesses are now being summoned to appear before the grand jury.

PRESS TO GO TO PALESTINE

Superintendent of Portland Hebrew School Tenders Resignation.

Carl A. Press, superintendent of the Portland Hebrew School for the last three years, has resigned his position to go to Palestine where he would like to see and to take active part in the new Jewish State, which will be organized there, in an attempt to once more organize the Hebrew race, now scattered over the face of the globe.

"The world now understands the Jewish problem," said Mr. Press, "and England, whose political sagacity is never wanting, was the first to proclaim a homeland for the homeless Jew and this is the spirit of Zionism. Zionism does not expect all the Jews to return to Palestine, but we have started a register and all those who wish to go to Palestine, in 1920 will register from Portland, we expect."

DALLAS CITY BUDGET FIXED

Estimated Expenses to Be Raised by Taxation \$12,150.

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—The City Council today in its regular session fixed the budget for the coming year as follows:

General fund—Auditor's salary, \$900; expenses of office, \$50; Treasurer's salary, \$300; expenses of office, \$20; City Attorney's salary, \$250; City Marshal's salary, \$1200; lights and supplies, \$2500; salary of Fire Department, \$600; Fire Department equipment, \$50; wood for City Hall, \$30; maintenance city buildings, \$50; sidewalks and curb, \$1700; Street funds—Maintenance, \$1000; intersections, \$2000; fire patrol, \$100; Library, \$1200. Special funds—Water works fund, \$750; sewage disposal fund, \$800; County Fair fund, \$600. Total amount, less the estimated surplus of \$1000 on hand, \$12,150.

PRIORITY ORDER RECALLED

Cancellation of Certificates Authorized by War Board.

Priority certificates of the War Industries Board may still be obtained in cases where there is special urgency, but all now outstanding, with the exception of those covering Government orders, are cancelled.

The message authorizing cancellation came to Herbert Witherspoon, of Seattle, the regional adviser. It follows: "Outstanding priority certificates and outstanding automatic ratings cancelled, effective November 22, except those covering outstanding orders for Navy emergency fleet, railroads, telegraph and telephone companies. All further use of automatic ratings discontinued. Application for issuance of priority certificates may still be made where urgent need warrants priority."

FUEL HEAD COMMENDED

Position Taken in Regard to Oil Distributors Is Upheld.

Related commendation of the stand taken by Fred J. Holmes, state fuel administrator, in protesting attempt of oil distributors to force all sellers into the closing agreement reached his yesterday.

N. B. Beecher, counsel for the oil division of the United States Fuel Administration, sent Mr. Holmes a letter saying: "We think your position is entirely correct, that in view of the fact that no order with respect to closing has been issued by the Fuel Administration, distributors were free to comply or not, as they saw fit, and that the oil companies were not justified in refusing to sell to those who failed to comply."

Rotary Club Luncheon Today.

Dr. Hudson B. Hastings, professor of applied economics, Reed College, will be the principal speaker at the luncheon of the Rotary Club today. There will be a programme of Thanksgiving music under the direction of Harold Hurlbut. The luncheon will begin promptly at noon. Officers urge members to be on time, with the promise of a specially interesting hour.

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A suggestion that the United States Government cancel the war debts of the allies because the money lent by this country to its fellow belligerents was to buy bread and bullets to help defend our homes, is made by United States Senator Chamberlain, who is chairman of the military affairs committee of the Senate.

The suggestion appears in an article written by Senator Chamberlain in yesterday's issue of the monthly bulletin of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and the Spruce Production Division of the Army. Senator Chamberlain says:

"The war is not yet over; nor indeed are our obligations to the allies formally peace is declared. America has a colossal debt still to pay to the mute British army that has fought so doggedly through the bitter four years; Italy, that has broken Austria with only one regiment of American troops to aid her; to pitiful, sublime Serbia and Belgium, that have endured martyrdom and devastation for a holy cause; and last but not least to France, the chief target of all Hunnish hate.

"These men have fought our battles as well as their own; they have paid in blood and tears and in the lives of their women and children, dearer to them than life, for the privilege of a free world. We, too, as a Nation, have made many sacrifices in blood and treasure in order to do our part in this great struggle for liberty and for civilization.

"We are honest men and a patriotic Nation and are willing to bear our full

share of the load. Though our sacrifices have not been so great as those of our allies, we can help bind up the wounds of those who bled for and with us; wipe out their petty financial obligations to us and give them a helping hand in reconstruction.

"Shall America fear the business competition of those crippled allies who have made our fight while we have continued to grow rich, notwithstanding the ravages of war? We stay-at-home soldiers who have not been privileged to face the bullet and bayonet and bomb still owe our biggest debt; surely we shall be brave enough to assist in paying the bills incurred in our behalf for food and powder and hospital when these people we now call our debtors paid ten million lives to save us!

"Our moral integrity, our devotion to humanity, is to be tested in what we do after peace is declared."

CLASH HELD UNAVOIDABLE

Truck Driver in Fatal Collision Is Exonerated.

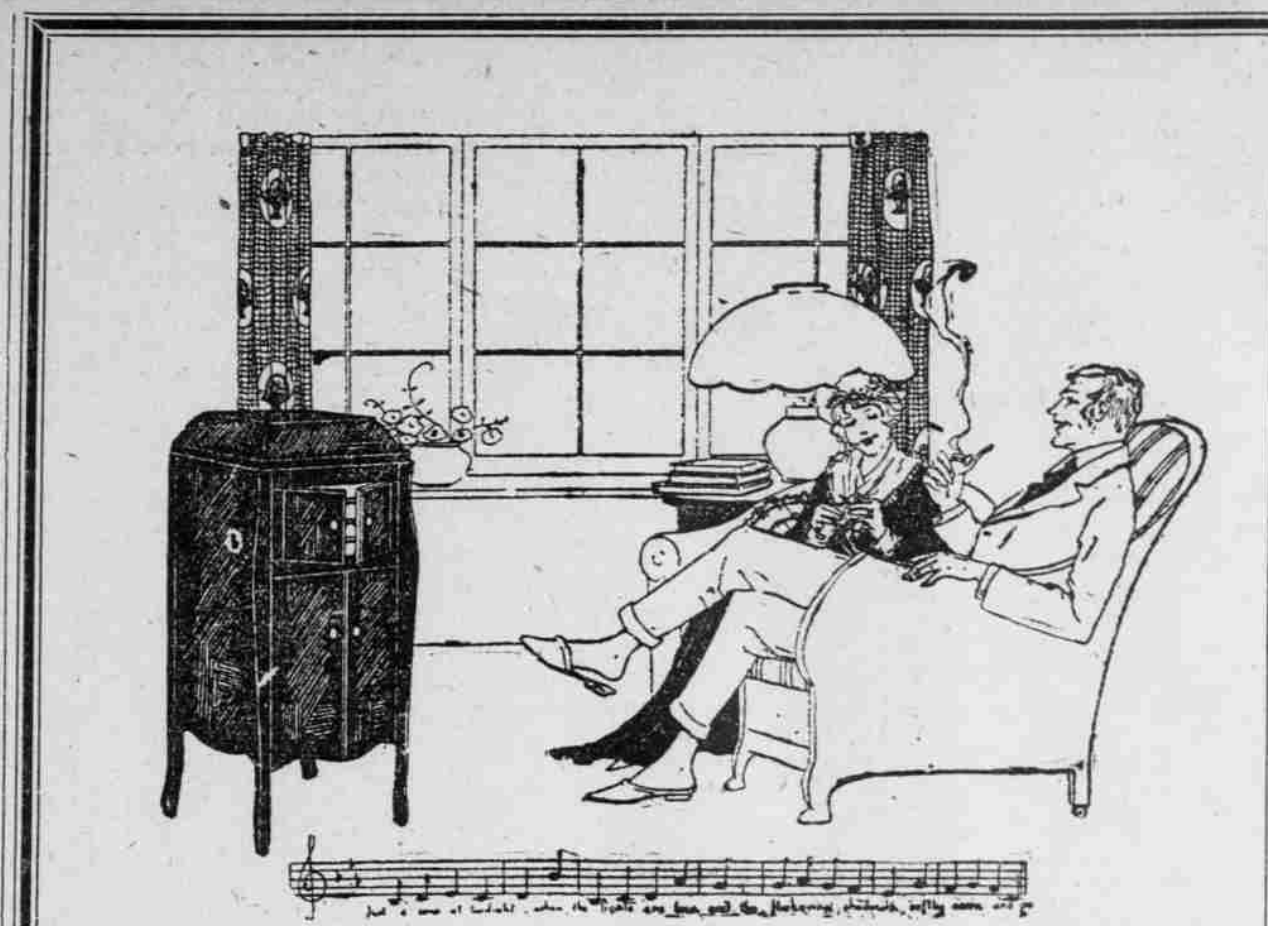
HOGUAM, Wash., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—After a hearing here this afternoon on the collision of an auto and a Hoquiam fire truck Saturday, in which three men were killed, the coroner's jury declared the tragedy due to an unavoidable accident and held no one blamable.

William Linder, of 'Humpulps, driver of the auto which collided with the fire truck, was released. He had been held in the city jail since Saturday, when he appeared at the police station and surrendered himself. The three victims were Vivian E. Miller, Wicent Zylski and Christ George.

BURLESON REMOVAL ASKED

Telegraphers Adopt Resolutions to Be Sent to President.

Removal of Postmaster-General Burleson as "unfit to occupy a position



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of responsibility" is demanded by members of Telegraphers' Union of America Local No. 92 in a resolution adopted at a meeting Sunday and wired to President Wilson.

The resolution adopted was this: "Whereas, Postmaster-General Burleson, by his attitude towards labor, proved himself unfit to occupy a position of responsibility where the welfare of so many of our citizens is involved, and whereas, his position in recent matters concerning telegraph employees is further proof of his bias; therefore, be it resolved, that the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America of this vicinity urge President Wilson to remove Postmaster-General Burleson for cause."

Road Taxes Voted.
OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Several road districts held special meetings in this county Saturday for the purpose of voting on taxes for the improvement of the roads in their districts. All that have reported so far voted favorably of the tax except

Henric. The following reported Monday: No. 1, 8 mills; No. 5, 5 mills; No. 11, 5 mills; No. 30, 8 1/2 mills; No. 38, 10 mills; No. 39, 10 mills; No. 46, 10 mills; No. 47, 10 mills; No. 53, 5 mills; No. 64, 10 mills.

WORLD RELIEF ADVOCATED

Food Administration Convention to Be Held in Portland.

Development of plans for "world relief week," in which the United States will give attention to the food needs of suffering nations, will be started in Oregon today by means of a Food Administration convention. County Food Administrators and a second delegate from each county will attend the sessions, which are to open at 10:30 o'clock in the assembly hall of the Portland Hotel. Several delegates had already arrived in the city last night.

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