

DELAY CUT ONE-HALF IN AID TO WORKMEN

Compensation for Injuries Forwarded Quickly.

46-DAY WAIT CUT TO 23

Industrial Accident Commission in Report to Governor Shows Increased Force.

SALEM, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—The time elapsing between the receipt of reports of accidents involving persons entitled to benefits under the workmen's compensation act and the date of forwarding payments has been reduced from 46 to 23 days, according to a report filed with Governor Olcott today by the state industrial accident commission.

This report was made to the executive upon recommendation of a special committee of nine persons appointed last year to investigate certain charges preferred against the commission and dealing with the affairs of that department. The latter committee filed its findings with the governor on January 10, 1920, and at that time made a request that the commission report to the executive offices within 60 days as to what they had accomplished with reference to solving the problem of collecting delinquent payments due the state accident fund from employers, and reducing the time elapsing between the receipt of accident reports and the date of compensating these claimants.

Audit Force Is Increased. "Since July 1, 1919, the number of employees outside of the Salem office engaged in the work of auditing the payrolls has been increased 35 per cent," says the report. "And it is also the purpose of the commission to maintain a force adequate to care for the increase in industrial activity which we believe will be realized during the coming year."

In the matter of delinquencies, we report that a system has been established whereby complete check is made each month of every employer listed on the books of the commission and a follow-up system maintained, with the definite purpose of securing payment of every account or reducing the amounts owing to judgments.

Force Is Enlarged. "In order better to handle the work of furnishing statements of accounts of employers, the commission has increased the force of employees performing this task by 40 per cent. These changes in the method of handling delinquencies have resulted in placing the accounts in better condition than at any time heretofore."

While previously it required on an average of 12 days to secure the physicians' reports, 16 days for the reports of employers, and 22 days for the reports of injured workmen, a recent study shows the following averages: Physicians, 11; employers, 14, and workmen, 17 days.

As to the elapsed time for date of accident to payment of compensation, the first study showed an average of 46 days, the second study 31 days, and the recent examination showed an average of 23 days.

Elapsed Time Is Reduced. "The commission several weeks ago adopted the practice of sending compensation for two weeks or one month immediately upon receipt of reports showing that disability would extend beyond that time, and we are convinced that the average elapsed time is greatly influenced by some workmen failing to report until after the period of disability has ended and also by cases in which it is difficult to decide promptly because of the many different questions involved."

The report of the commission shows that with one exception all of the recommendations of the investigating committee have been put into actual operation and found very satisfactory.

The committee conducting the original investigation was composed of Robert S. Gill, Frank Green, Antoine Labbe, Thomas McCusker and J. N. Brooks of Portland, A. C. Dixon of Eugene, Sandy McLean of Pendleton, E. C. Apperson of McMinnville and H. J. Overturn of Bend.

Three of the committee represented labor, three the employers and three were selected from the state at large.

WEST WING ABOUT READY

Capitol at Boise Expected to Be Finished by November.

BOISE, Idaho, March 16.—(Special.)—The west wing of the capitol is expected to be ready for occupancy early in July and the building will be turned over to the state complete not later than November 1. W. J. Hall, state commissioner of public works, announced in a report which he filed with Governor Davis at the regular monthly meeting of the state cabinet this afternoon.

On both the east and the west wings, for which the last legislature appropriated \$500,000, excellent progress is being made by the contracting company, Commissioner Hall reported. Under their contract the builders have until the latter part of November to finish the work.

TRAPPER DOES VERY WELL

Fur-Bearing Animals Still Found in Oregon Mountains.

EUGENE, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—That there is still money to be made in trapping fur-bearing animals in the mountains of Oregon is demonstrated by the fact that C. E. Anway, a trapper of Clatskanie, yesterday brought to Eugene over \$1000 worth of furs which he has obtained in the Cascades during the past winter.

Mr. Anway had a string of traps in the vicinity of the Rigdon ranch, not far from the summit of the mountains, and reports a very successful catch. He says there is a good market for furs, the price being higher now than for many years past.

Shingle Weavers to Arbitrate.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 16.—(Special.)—The statements that there might be a strike of the shingle weavers of the harbor on account of a new demand for increased wages appears to have been premature, as the matter of a new scale has been referred to an arbitration committee composed equally of employers and employees, a satisfactory agreement is expected.



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MARRIAGE AT SEA IS VOID

ATTORNEY HAMMERSLEY LOOKS UP LAW ON CASE.

Oregon Statutes Consider Weddings on Ocean as Common-Law Unions.

Newspapers from Los Angeles telling of the illegality of marriages solemnized on the high seas are confirmed so far as Oregon is concerned, according to the district attorney's office.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Hammersley yesterday had occasion to look up the law relating to marriages performed outside the three-mile limit, and he found that inasmuch as a common-law marriage has never been recognized as legal in this state, neither can a marriage performed at sea be recognized as legal.

Mr. Hammersley told of one case in particular where a prominent couple in southern Oregon had been married at sea as the only way they could evade parental objection to their union. This couple, however, were re-married as soon as they returned to land.

"So far as a marriage at sea is concerned, it is a marriage just so long as the contracting parties remain at sea, but it can never be considered legal when they come back to this country if they return to a state which does not recognize the common law marriage," Mr. Hammersley said. "In this respect, marriage is greatly similar to prohibition. You can drink all you want so long as you remain outside the three-mile limit."

FIRE STARTS FROM MATCH

Woman Cleaning Apartment Has Face and Hair Burned.

Fire which started when a match became ignited as it was being swept out with other rubbish by Miss Pearl Walker from her apartment on the first floor of the Belknap apartments, 137 Seventeenth street, about 12:15 yesterday afternoon, caught on a couch which Miss Walker had just

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been cleaning with gasoline, burned her about the face, scorched her hair and did about \$200 damage before it was extinguished by engine 3 in charge of Captain Haines.

Captain Day, assistant fire marshal, estimated the damage at \$150 to the contents of the apartment and \$50 to the building. Mrs. Ruby S. Firebaugh is proprietress of the apartment house.

STATE WOULD ECONOMIZE

Dormitory Problem May Be Solved by Using Private Capital.

BOISE, Idaho, March 16.—(Special.)—Dormitory problems at the various state higher educational institutions may be solved by inducing local private capital to build the required buildings under a guarantee of a return of 6 per cent net on the investment and thereby save the state the expense of putting up the structures, Dr. E. A. Bryan, state commissioner of education, announced this morning upon his return from Moscow, where he attended a meeting of the University of Idaho executive committee.

An outlay of approximately \$200,000 would be saved by the state at Moscow, at the Idaho Technical Institute at Pocatello and at the State Normal at Lewiston, Dr. Bryan estimates.

OLD RESIDENT IS DEAD

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thomas Passes Away at Home on 13th St.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thomas, who was long a resident of Portland, having come to Oregon in 1875, died at her home, 613 East Thirteenth street North, yesterday afternoon from pneumonia. Mrs. Thomas was born in Carmarthen, Wales, and was 73 years of age. She gave much attention to charitable work, devoting her time to the sick and poor.

Mrs. Thomas was the widow of the late Henry M. Thomas. The only surviving son is John M. Thomas, who is associated with the Pacific Grain company.

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OFFICER WITHOUT OFFICE

COMMISSIONER DOES BUSINESS UNDER HIS HAT.

Investigators Given Instructions While Standing in Corridor of Old Postal Building.

Watchful waiting has been extended to the office of the fair-prize commissioner of the federal government for the state of Oregon.

Appointed, without pay, one month ago, Will H. Daly, up to the hour of going to press, was still without an office, save that which abides within close proximity of his hat.

The question now is whether A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney-general of the United States and presidential candidate, is too busy in Washington smashing trusts and things to see to it that his fair-prize commissioner, out here in Oregon has an office from which to conduct the business of fixing quotations on life's necessities, or whether some local agent of the nation has "fallen down."

As long ago as three weeks Mr. Daly announced that he would open an office in the old postoffice building; that he would install a secretary therein and dispatch a bunch of investigators into the districts of Oregon to ascertain price conditions. That was when he supposed the government at Washington had power to provide one little room—but now, well, he speaks less assuredly when asked concerning the progress of fair prize fixing.

Three investigators have been assigned to Mr. Daly, who yesterday gave them instructions, on gathering certain information, but his meeting with them was held in one of the corridors of the old postoffice building.

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Do You Know this Stubby Boy?



Bertie Hoover when his father died

He was orphaned before he was ten. From the quiet Quaker settlement in Iowa he was sent to an uncle in Oregon. He worked his way through night school in Portland, through college in California. He faced life without means or pull, but with steadfast purpose.

Now all the world knows him. His name is a household word in Europe and America. But of his career, of the forces that kneaded and molded him, little has been known except among a few intimates. Now Rose Wilder Lane and Charles K. Field tell the story of

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The Rev. F. Filofey describes the career of the bandit leader Semionoff—

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Advertisement for Hamlin's Wizard Oil. Features the text: 'HOW YOU LIKE TO SEE', 'HAMLIN'S WIZARD OIL', 'Rheumatic Pains', 'Quickly Eased By Penetrating Hamlin's Wizard Oil', 'A safe and harmless preparation to relieve the pains of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lame Back and Lumbago is Hamlin's Wizard Oil. It penetrates quickly, drives out soreness, and limbers up stiff aching joints and muscles. You will find almost daily uses for it in cases of sudden mishaps or accidents such as sprains, bruises, cuts, burns, bites and stings. Just as reliable, too, for carache, toothache, cramp and colic. Get it from druggists for 30 cents. If not satisfied return the bottle and get your money back. Ever constipated or have sick headaches? Just try Wizard Liver Whisks, pleasant little pink pills, 30 cents guaranteed.'

Advertisement for Sulpher Tablets. Features the text: 'Says Poisons Cause Headache Dizziness', 'Coated Tongue and Myriad Ailments in the Spring.', 'Grandma's Remedy Now Sold in Tablet—Sulpher Tablets.', 'Many men, women and children need Spring Blood Purifier. The blood becomes thick with poisons through the winter months. When spring comes serious ailments like typhoid, scarlet fever, coughs, colds, catarrh, neuralgia, rheumatic pains, loss of appetite and a sluggish all-in feeling prevail. The bowels, the liver and the kidneys need help. The blood needs thinning and purifying. If pimples and boils are present Sulpher Tablets quickly relieve constipation and kidney inactivity and elimination of poisons takes place and you are made strong and fit for spring and summer. Grandma gave sulphur and cream of tartar in molasses. Now you take them in tablets with laxative purifying herbs—a better medicine, easy and pleasant to take. Druggists sell them in the sealed tubes. Every package guaranteed satisfactory or money back. Get Sulpher Tablets (not sulphur tablets).'

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