

HART DECLARED BEST GOVERNOR YET

Great Achievements Cited for Administration.

EFFICIENCY HELD HIGHEST

Charles Hebbard, State Chairman, Reviews Workings of Business Code in Spokane Address.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Earlier governors of the state of Washington probably did the best they could under the circumstances existing in their time, but true realization of what good state government means was not permitted to dawn upon the people until Governor Hart settled down on the job and got his civil administrative code going.

The address was intended to be a review of Governor Hart's record in office and of the practical working effect of the code enacted by the last legislature. No one willing to accept Mr. Hebbard's assurances as to existing conditions and future prospects can be left with any doubt that this is the best administration ever given the state and getting better all the while.

Great Results Expected.

This unavoidable conclusion was forced at the very outset of the state chairman's address when he said: "A survey of the first year of Governor Hart's administration warrants the expectation that during his term as governor more will be accomplished toward putting the state upon an efficient business basis than in any two or more other administrations. In fact, it may be said that more has already been accomplished in this respect than during all previous administrations."

Other good things rendered fine service to the state; efficiency and large vision have marked their accomplishments. But throughout previous administrations the diffusion of executive responsibility through the creation of numerous independent and unco-ordinated boards, commissions and bureaus had resulted in less rather than more business efficiency.

Credit Given Governor.

"The policy produced a condition under which no executive, however industrious, able and conscientious, could supervise properly the administration of the state's business affairs or put it on any sort of real business basis. It is to the great credit of Governor Hart that he clearly saw this situation and determined to correct it through the preparation and enactment of the administrative code. The administrative code bill was prepared under the direction of the legislator by him, and made the single administrative measure before the 1921 legislature. It was passed almost unanimously and practically without amendment."

With so much of an introduction Chairman Hebbard proceeded to a brief discussion of the 77 bureaus, boards and commissions abolished by the code and to a general review of the functioning up to date of the ten comprehensive departments of state government created in their stead. The paramount problem at the beginning of the Hart administration was the reduction of taxation. Local state and school taxing bodies were levying \$72,000,000 annually, of which about \$1,000,000 were for state purposes.

Big Savings Pointed Out.

The passage of the administrative code, said Mr. Hebbard, enabled the legislature to reduce administrative appropriations by more than half a million. This and the savings by "together with other economies effected and future savings assured under the administrative code, make it possible to reduce the general fund levy from four and a half to two and a quarter mills. Mr. Hebbard also pointed out that the administrative code would undoubtedly avoid the probable deficit of \$2,000,000 at the end of the current biennium which the state was confronted with when Governor Hart took hold.

Under the administrative code organization of the state, said Mr. Hebbard, has demanded the removal of each of his ten departments away not less than 15 per cent of the money appropriated by the legislature for department operations. During the first eight months they saved in the aggregate better than 25 per cent and Mr. Hebbard predicted that at the close of the biennium they will have turned back to the state fully 25 per cent of the \$12,103,000 appropriated for their maintenance.

PLEA IS MADE FOR DEPOT

Removal of Quartermaster's Storehouse Is Protested.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 11.—Vigorous protest on the part of the Seattle chamber of commerce and the Seattle chamber of commerce against abandonment of the United States army quartermaster depot here, called for in an order of December 31, was forwarded to Washington today. Members of both organizations asserted that maintenance of the depot here is in the interest of economy, and pointed out in their communication, that if the depot here has been operated at only 2 per cent of the cost of a similar depot in San Francisco.

It was also said that the depot here offers berthing space for United States cable ships and other vessels in government service in northern waters, and combines in the same place the quartermaster's office, storage, warehouse and wharf, a condition not obtainable elsewhere on the Pacific coast, it was said.

It was maintained here that removal of the depot to San Francisco would mean the abandonment of Camp Lewis and Alaska army posts, as well as the forts on Puget sound, must be purchased in the southern city, thus increasing the operating costs materially. The Washington delegation in congress has been appealed to for a vigorous protest against the order.

RISK SEEN IN OCCUPATIONS

Two Counted Extra Hazardous by Washington Bureau.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 11.—Employees of retail fuel dealers and lumber yards were placed today in the extra hazardous occupation class, in conformity with the terms of the industrial insurance act, in an order drawn up by Major E. S. Gill, supervisor in the department of labor and industries, as the result of a recent hearing.

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