

ASPIRANTS UNWILY PIERCE AT SALEM

Job Seekers on Hand Even at Depot to Give Welcome.

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State Institutions Are Inspected and Meeting of Budget Com- mission Is Attended.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Job seekers, state officials and employees and old-time friends and acquaintances of the governor-elect viewed for places of vantage in the informal welcome ceremonies attending the arrival here today of Walter M. Pierce of La Grande.

The welcome extended to the distinguished visitor had all the earmarks of a home-coming, with the governor-elect playing the role of the long-absent child. In the background were Acting Governor Ritter and a number of prominent democrats who were purporting to be close to the throne.

Not to be outdone by a number of state office seekers who had gathered at the depot in anticipation of the arrival of the governor-elect, a few of the more persistent faithful assembled at the depot where they extended congratulations first-hand.

Aspirants are on hand. Among the latter were Henry Downing, life-long democrat, who has been mentioned prominently in connection with the wardenship of the state penitentiary; W. A. Derry, assistant to the chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee during the recent campaign, and Joe Minton, a guard at the prison. Mr. Dairyville is a candidate for a seat on the state industrial accident commission, while Mr. Minton seeks to succeed Percy Varney as state parole officer.

The governor-elect let it be known here that W. H. Taylor, chief of police at Pendleton, had some endorsements for warden of the prison. He would not divulge the names of the applicants for any of the other state offices.

When asked if he intended to purchase a residence in Salem, the governor-elect spoke testily of his financial condition, and his wife trembled with indignation. "I am a farmer," said Mr. Pierce, "and I can't afford to buy a residence. Mrs. Pierce and I will rent something for the present."

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"God bless you, boy, I'll give your opinion honest-to-goodness consideration," was about the nearest the governor-elect came to committing himself to any applicant, one of the job-seekers said.

After a brief survey of the executive offices of the governor-elect at a meeting of the state parole commission called to consider items of expense proposed by the state library board during the next two years.

At noon he attended a luncheon served by the Salem Rotary club. Other visitors in attendance at the luncheon included Edgar B. Pike, editor of The Oregonian, and Acting Governor Ritter of Pendleton. All of the visitors gave brief addresses. This afternoon Mr. Pierce, accompanied by Acting Governor Ritter and Secretary of State Koser, inspected a number of the state institutions.

Christmas to Be at Home. The governor-elect, who was accompanied here by Ward Irvine, his private secretary, will remain in Salem until tomorrow night, when he will go to Lebanon to attend a meeting of the farmers' union. He later will return to his home at La Grande for Christmas and will subsequently locate in Salem preparatory to taking over the duties of the executive department.

While in Portland Mr. Pierce said he was besieged by an army of office seekers, and it finally became necessary for him to change his room at the hotel.

Mr. Irvine, during the absence of the governor-elect at the state institutions, was acquainted with affairs in the executive offices by Don H. Upjohn, private secretary to Governor Olcott.

Mr. Pierce was the guest of Acting Governor Ritter at a dinner served in the penitentiary here tonight. Other guests included Don H. Upjohn, private secretary to Governor Olcott; Ward Irvine, private secretary to Governor-elect; Pike, editor of the Oregonian; and members of the state parole board. In a statement the governor-elect said:

"I consider the mechanism of the state too delicate, too important for any rash or ill-thought action. I believe in making my way slowly, in getting into state affairs. The state has many important problems to face and nobody wants to make a mistake.

"I am a good forgetter. The campaign impressions are dead and buried. What we all want now is the very best government that Oregon can possibly have. There is a chance for everybody to help. If we all do our best we shall make the state government a great success."

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official list of appointees is not to be announced until Friday, Burgoyne's name is almost certain to be on it. Mr. Allen stated. With the exception of Chief Burgoyne, and one other, none of the present police force is to be retained, according to the new mayor.

Four changes are contemplated in the other city departments. W. A. Van Atta, ex-street commissioner, is to be reappointed to that position, succeeding William Silcott.

Arthur Shamway, city engineer, is to retain his position, but the engineer department may be reorganized after the new council takes office.

Mayor-elect Allen has appointed the following heads of council committees: Police, O. W. Story; streets, E. M. Dieterich; finance, E. M. Blurock; fire and dock, W. J. Andrews; cemetery, Dr. Joseph Roane.

Y. M. C. A. MAN PROMOTED

JOHN H. RUDD TO TAKE UP NEW DUTIES IN IOWA.

Portland County Work Secretary Is Given Wider Field in Association Activity.

John H. Rudd, county work secretary of the interstate executive committee of the Y. M. C. A., with headquarters in Portland, will leave the first of the year to assume a responsible position in that branch of the Y. M. C. A. work in Iowa.

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signed to instruct veterans taking project training in Washington, two in Oregon, and instructors will be furnished ex-service farmers in Idaho as soon as the demand warrants.

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Diphtheria Closes School. EUGENE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—The Fairview school near Noti, 25 miles west of Eugene, has been closed on account of diphtheria in the neighborhood, according to J. G. Swan, county school superintendent, who visited that section yesterday. One small boy who was a pupil in the school died Sunday from the malady and nearly all of the pupils were exposed, said the supervisor.

France Hears Los Angeles Radio. HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 20.—For the first time during the three annual trans-Atlantic tests of the American radio relay, between an amateur radio station has succeeded in crossing the continent and the Atlantic as well. It was announced at league headquarters Tuesday that station 5KA, operated by F. E. Nikirk at Los Angeles, Cal., was heard Monday by radio amateurs in France.

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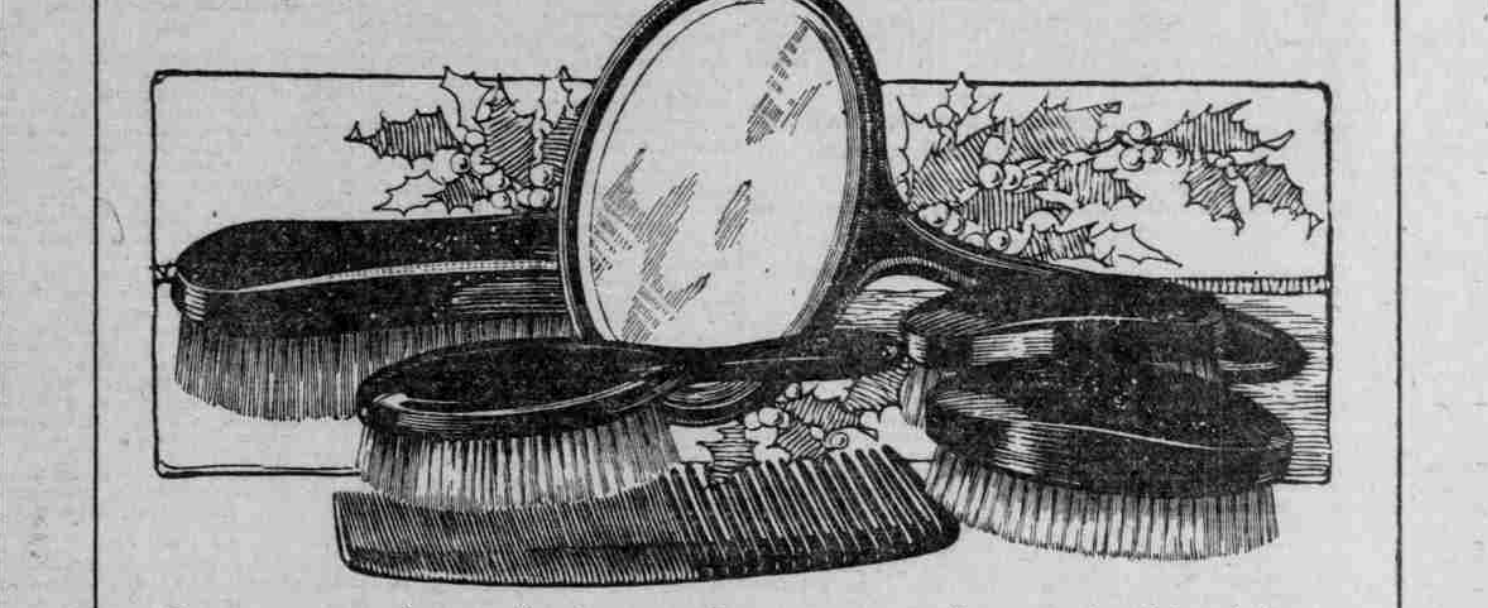
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