

RAILROAD BOARD SHORT OF FUNDS

Washington Commission Will Soon Find Itself Facing Serious Deficit.

RAILROADS HELP IT ALONG

Accused of Purposely Extending Valuation Hearing in Order to Embarrass Board—Members Pay Their Own Expenses.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—The Railroad Commission is facing a serious shortage of funds, and if it is able to complete the work outlined for this year it will be only by a narrow margin. Attorneys for the railroads have discovered the embarrassment of the commission and are suspected of attempting to prolong the valuation hearings with their attendant expenses as long as possible to further embarrass the commission.

The commission has three employees are safe on the salary question until the end of the fiscal year, because they are provided for specifically in the appropriation bill of the last Legislature, and the money set apart to pay them cannot be expended for any other purpose. But the contingent fund of \$42,000 now has a surplus of only \$5000 with 12 months to run before the end of the fiscal period, or 11 months before the regular session of the Legislature can provide an emergency appropriation.

Pay Own Traveling Expenses.

To conserve the contingent fund, the commissioners are now paying their traveling expenses out of their own pockets and will look to the Legislature to reimburse them. Out of this contingent fund, the commission is paying three employees a total of \$400 per month in salaries, which alone is enough to exhaust the balance in the fund before April 1, 1909, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Aside from these salaries there are dozens of other items to be met each month, such as witness fees, stationery, bills, printing, engineering supplies, emergency clerk hire, etc. In February the warrants drawn against the contingent fund exceeded slightly \$1000. At that rate the balance would be exhausted in five months, leaving the commission a body of salaried men with no money to pay for investigations or further hearings.

Each of the three commissioners draws a salary of \$4000 per year and the three employees mentioned get \$2000 each. The three other regular employees now paid out of the contingent fund are the bookkeeper at \$100 per month, stenographer at \$125 and an expert on engineering and construction at \$175. It is believed the work of the last will be completed this month.

Experts Come High.

The sum of \$30,000 appropriated for the salaries of the commissioners and three special employees cannot be touched for any other purpose. Of the \$42,000 appropriated for contingent expenses on February 1, \$20,000 had been expended with more than one year to run. A big item in this expenditure was the amount paid to Expert Engineer Gillette brought here from New York temporarily to prepare reports to the state of \$1000 per month, to make estimates and testify as to the value of railroad property. It is difficult to segregate the cost to the state of Mr. Gillette's work from other items, but the known expenditures for the work of him and his assistants totals \$12,500. L. H. Gray, the expert who is receiving \$125 per month, is the only one of Gillette's assistants still on the payroll. It is his work, which it is expected will be completed this month.

Curtails Board's Work.

The commission expects to make its valuation findings and segregate the value of the railroads for state purposes from their value for interstate traffic before May 1. This is the date of the investigation as to whether the rates in existence give the railroads a fair return upon the value of their property. To keep the record perfect formal hearings must be held and witnesses must be summoned who will have to be paid.

To economize, the commission will not hold these hearings in Clatsop, which would entail the additional expense of bringing witnesses from all parts of the state. The commission will hold the hearings in different localities in Eastern Washington, and at these hearings the commissioners will pay their own expenses. By the first of June the money available in the contingent fund will be so little that thereafter for the balance of the year it is likely the work of the commission can only be perfunctory.

ARBOR DAY COMES APRIL 13

Superintendent Ackerman Preparing Program for Schools.

SALEM, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—Arbor Day occurs in Oregon this year on April 13 and it will probably be observed this year more generally than ever before, notwithstanding the pupils and teachers of many schools have anticipated the occasion to a large extent by planting roses in the winter. Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman has suitable material for Arbor Day exercises and will send copies of the pamphlet out to the various counties early next week. Public interest in civic improvement, and especially the rose-planting campaign in Portland, have aroused new interest in Arbor Day.

LETS JUTE-MILL CONTRACTS

Board of Control Prepares for New Factory at Penitentiary.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—The State Board of Control today opened bids and awarded contract for the construction of the new jute mill at the State Penitentiary at Walla Walla. The contract for furnishing structural steel went to the Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Company, whose bid was \$7000. The Gilbert Hunt Company, of Walla Walla, was awarded the contract for supplying material for the cages and window bars, the contract price being \$4000. The order for the machinery of the new mill was placed 15 months ago with a firm in Scotland, and the Board expects to

Members University of Oregon Debating Teams



AFFIRMATIVE—JESSE H. BOND, LEADER; WALTER EATON, WILSON C. NICHOLAS.



NEGATIVE—CLARENCE L. WHEALDON, LEADER; THOMAS R. TOWNSEND, EARL KILPATRICK.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., March 21.—

Oregon's two debating teams are whipping arguments into shape for the forensic contests Thursday night, March 26, with University of Washington and University of Idaho. Both teams are determined to retain the laurels won last year, when Oregon's debaters became champions of eight states.

The two teams take the affirmative and negative of the question, "Resolved, That the present laws applying to Chinese immigration should be extended to apply in a like manner to Japanese immigration."

The affirmative team meets the University of Idaho trio in Eugene before the following judges: Professor A. J. Frideaux, of Willamette University; President Crocker, of Albany College, and G. W. Montague, of Portland.

The negative team goes to Seattle on the same night to debate the University of Washington. The judges of the Seattle debate are: Mayor Alexan-

der Bethune, of Vancouver, B. C., and Judge Hadley, of the Washington supreme bench. The third judge has not been decided upon.

The affirmative team comprises Jesse H. Bond, '09, leader; Walter Eaton, '09, first colleague, and Wilson C. Nicholas, '10, second colleague.

Jesse H. Bond is registered from Florence, Or. He is Oregon's representative in the interstate oratorical contest, which takes place at Eugene in June. He is an engineering student, a junior and a member of the Laurean Literary Society.

Walter Eaton is a Eugene boy. He is carrying more hours than any other student in college. Eaton also is an engineering student. He is manager of the Oregon Weekly, a junior, and a member of the Laurean Literary Society.

Wilson C. Nicholas is enrolled from Portland. His major is economics. Nicholas is a sophomore and a member of the Laurean Literary Society.

The negative team is composed of Clarence L. Whealdon, '10, leader;

Thomas R. Townsend, '09, first colleague; Earl Kilpatrick, '09, second colleague.

Whealdon, who had the rare honor of making the university debating team of last year, while a freshman, received his early forensic training at Pacific University. He is registered from Shedd, Or. He is a sophomore, a member of the Laurean Literary Society and the Delta Alpha Fraternity. Whealdon was beaten by two points in the recent tryout for Oregon's representative in the interstate oratorical contest.

Thomas R. Townsend is enrolled from Roseburg, Or. This is his second year in debate, he having been a member of Oregon's negative team which defeated Idaho last year at Moscow. Townsend is editor-in-chief of the Oregon Weekly, a junior, a member of the Laurean Literary Society and a member of the Delta Alpha Fraternity.

Earl Kilpatrick is from La Grande, Or. This is his first year in debate. Kilpatrick is a junior and a member of the Philologist Literary Society.

PRISON PRINTERS SCARCE

"LEND A HAND" ADVERTISES FOR TWO APPRENTICES.

Editor of Penitentiary Publication Finds He Can't Do All His Work in 14 Hours a Day.

SALEM, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—One publication that is evidently not troubled by the rules of typographical unions is "Lend-a-Hand," the monthly paper published by the prisoners at the Oregon Penitentiary. In its March issue the paper advertises for two apprentices and will probably have room for them.

Applicants must have at least three years yet to serve in prison. No compensation is offered during any stage of the apprenticeship and "no extra privileges go with a position in the printing office."

That the apprentices will find conditions considerably different from those which exist in the ordinary printing office is indicated by an explanatory note on the editorial page in which it is said that "not a line of this paper is prepared before it is set into type. The editor works 10 hours a day, seven days a week, and has not much time to devote to writing. When he is not working on the paper, he is doing job work for the institution."

WOULD SHORTEN THE DEBATES

Pullman Professor Says Hour Sufficient to Tire Out Audience.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, March 21.—A radical change in conducting intercollegiate debates is advocated by Dr. Albert E. Egge, head of the department of English. His objections to the present method is that three speakers on a side having 15 minutes each in which to speak together with the eight minutes given the leaders in rebuttal, is too long to hold the attention of an audience. In defending his plan, he said:

"A public contest is in the nature of an entertainment and should be of the highest possible excellence. In a public debating contest there should be not more than two speakers, one on each side. The speaker on the affirmative might have 10 minutes for his argument, the speaker on the negative 20 minutes for constructive argument and rebuttal, and the speaker on the affirmative again ten minutes for rebuttal. This arrangement would make the debate last one hour, which is long enough, an yet not too long, and would prevent repetition."

GET DATA ON GRAIN RATES

State Commission to Hear Complaints at Ritzville May 11.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—May 11 has been set by the Railroad Commission as the date at which the hearing on the reasonableness of the grain rates will be made on what is known as the Cunningham complaint made from this town. The commission will have completed its findings on the grain rates by this time. The hearing at Ritzville is one of a series to be made by the commission on complaints from all parts of the state. Each complaint will be given a hearing at the town or place from which it originated. Most of these are on station facilities.

The commission will hear the complaints, but will make no findings as to the reasonableness of the grain rates until after the constitutionality of the commission laws have been passed upon by the State Supreme Court.

NOVEL CONTEST IN NEWBERG

Republicans to Decide Which of Two Men Shall Seek Office.

NEWBERG, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—In the Republican County convention in Yamhill four years ago E. H. Turner defeated J. L. Hoskins for Recorder, the latter being a candidate for a third term, and now Mr. Turner is out asking for the nomination for a third term. As a factor in the present contest Newberg has two candidates for the nomination, J. H. Rees and R. B. Leinville and their friends deeming it unwise for both of them to continue in the race have induced them to enter a friendly contest here at home and let the Republican voters of Newberg decide which one of them shall drop out.

Consequently a voting place will be opened on Tuesday afternoon of next week, with judges in charge, and Republicans residing inside the corporation will be invited to participate.

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SEEK SLAYER OF WALLEND

Silver Lake Citizens Pledge Reward of \$350 for His Capture.

SILVER LAKE, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—Citizens of this community are thoroughly aroused over the murder of Julius Wallende, and at a recent mass meeting unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, Julius Wallende was wilfully and cruelly murdered in cold blood on the night of December 27, 1907, and after being murdered was thrown into Silver Creek, and his body not being recovered until March 13, 1908; and

Whereas, the people of Silver Lake are most desirous of seeing the law upheld and the guilty parties punished for this diabolical crime, and have shown by their acts that they mean what they say by subscribing and paying in cash the sum of \$350, which is now deposited in the safe of F. M. Chrisman of this place, for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of Julius Wallende; and

Resolved, That it is the wish of this meeting and the citizens of Silver Lake, that our honorable county judge, E. Daly, should assist us by offering a suitable reward in behalf of Lake County for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of Julius Wallende, and believing this as we fully do, we demand of him that he offer such sum as a reward, as in his judgment he deems best, and the financial condition of the county can afford.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Hon. George Chamberlain, Governor of Oregon, Hon. B. Daly,

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county judge of Lake County, The Oregonian and Journal of Portland, as well as to each of our county papers.

Signed by the president and secretary of this meeting.

P. N. V. CHRISMAN, Chairman.

C. W. EMBODY, Sec. Dated March 17, 1908.

San Francisco—Fifty-six bags of mail and an automobile that had been shipped as freight were saved from the wreck of the steamer Pomona, at Port Ross Friday. Forty-six bags of mail yet remain in the forward hold and all this may be saved, as well as a large quantity of the freight. The Pomona herself will be a total loss.

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