

PRINTER MAY GO ON FLAT SALARY

Proposed New Law Fixes Pay at \$2400 Per Annum From April 1, 1911.

EXPENSE BILLS REDUCED

Proposition is to Either Buy Present Plant or Establish New One, Expert to Supervise and Purchase All Supplies.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—There are many on foot for the expected flat salary bill for the State Printer, and the bill will probably be introduced early in the session.

Under the proposed law the printer will receive \$2,400 a year. According to the appropriation provided for in the bill, the cost of the printing expenses during the first biennial period, starting in 1911, will be \$63,900 for two years, but under the provisions of the bill the flat salary of the printer will start at that time.

Advocates of the measure point to the proposed appropriation of \$62,000 for the two years, as against the estimate of \$156,996 which is included in the budget of the Secretary of State, \$156,996 being a deficiency appropriation.

State is to Own Plant.

The act provides for a printing expert on an annual salary of \$2,000, and the following expenses biennially for the printer: Bookkeeper and clerical services, \$2,400; foreman and other employees, \$24,990; incidentals and contingencies, \$1,000; purchase of paper, binding and general supplies, \$18,000.

It is proposed to have the state take over the printing plant, the Governor to select three practical printers to appraise the plant, and if the present plant is undesirable, \$30,000 will be appropriated to buy equipment and materials to establish a state plant.

Printer to Be Elected.

In addition, the bill proposes that all officers and departments that have public printing shall submit it to the expert, who will act in an advisory capacity, prescribing, to a certain extent, in what manner the work shall be done.

This places responsibility largely upon the expert in practically every branch of the work. The State Printer will be elected every four years, as under the present law, and in case of death or vacancy by resignation his successor shall be appointed by the Governor. He is also called upon to make a quarterly report to the Secretary of State.

MEEKER'S BROTHER DIES

Aged Washingtonian, Prominent Oddfellow, Passes.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 24.—John Meeker, 85 years old, a brother of Ezra Meeker, the maker of the old Oregon trail, died here this morning in the Oddfellow home, of which he had been a member during the past three years. His death was due to apoplexy. Meeker was a prominent Oddfellow, being a past grand master and past grand patriarch of the Order of the Oddfellow.

He came to the Pacific Northwest in 1852 sailing around Cape Horn. He attended school for a few years, and in 1854 he took up a homestead near Puyallup, where he made his home until he entered the home here. He was one of the pioneer homesteaders of the Pacific Coast, and also bought and sold hops on an extensive scale for several years. The body will be sent to Puyallup tomorrow, where it will be buried inside the grave of his wife. He is survived by three daughters, an adopted daughter and a son. His brother, Ezra, is now in Indianapolis, and is said to be raising money with which to erect monuments to mark the principal points along the Oregon trail.

BROTHER-IN-LAW IS SHOT

Family Quarrel at Baker May Not Get Into Court.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—As result of a family quarrel at W. Woodard of this city, was shot last night by his brother-in-law, M. H. Frawley. The shooting occurred at the home of Woodard's mother-in-law, Mrs. Foley, at Tenth and Sixth streets.

Woodard, whose wife is suing for a divorce, went to Mrs. Foley's house to get his eldest boy, when he was almost asleep as seen as he entered the house. Frawley, who was upstairs at the time the quarrel started, picked up a gun and went down.

Woodard was thrown out of the house and when he re-entered Frawley pulled the gun and fired. Frawley was arrested but later released on bonds. The wounded man was taken to the office of Dr. Huff and it was found no serious injury was sustained, the bullet merely passing through the arm. The prosecution of Woodard will prosecute his brother-in-law. Both men are employed as drivers here.

COUNCIL NOT IN CONTEMPT

Revocation of Railway Franchise Upheld in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—The City Council which last night revoked the franchise of the Seattle, Renton & Southern Railway, a line which lies partly inside and partly outside of the city limits, and which has long been engaged in warfare with its patrons over increase of fares, was not in contempt of the Federal Court, when it revoked the franchise. United States Judge Hanford said today:

"I refused absolutely to grant a restraining order in any way interfering with the proceedings of the City Council in connection with the franchise. I did restrain the Council or its servants from interfering in any way with the operation of the cars. The continuation of the case will come up for trial later."

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MARSHFIELD'S LATEST OFFICE STRUCTURE IS OF CALIFORNIA BRICK AND COST \$42,000.



COKE BUILDING. MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—The most important improvement of the year in Marshfield is the new Coke building, which was built by W. S. Chandler. It is located on Central avenue and First street, opposite the Chandler Hotel, in a locality which is fast becoming one of the chief business centers of the city. The building is now completed and will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

The structure was built by W. S. Chandler, who has other large interests in the city, and is named for Judge John S. Coke, who is associated with Mr. Chandler in the banking business. The owner's son, William Chandler, was the architect and supervised the construction of the building. It was the first structure that he built, and is regarded as the most substantial building in the city.

The total cost was about \$42,000. The building is of buff California brick and is on a concrete foundation. The details of the structure are carried out perfectly, and the offices are the finest in the city. The Marshfield Public Library will occupy a part of the building. The gas and electric company, the Title Guarantees & Abstract Company and Norton & Hansen's bookstore will occupy the lower floor.

GRAP GAME COSTLY

Seattle Man's Bankroll Soon Disappears.

LOSSES MAY TOTAL \$10,000

Sam Pinchower "Rolls the Bones"

Only to Lose Probably More Than He Will Confess—Harry Rogelet Walks Away With Stones.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special)—Bones rolled and rolled in Sam Pinchower's room above the Open Front saloon last Wednesday night and with each crack of the little cubes across the floor Sam's bankroll rolled away.

When the smoke cleared away, "Big Harry" Rogelet was several thousand dollars to the good. Besides a stack of brand new gold pieces, "Big Harry" carried away Sam's "front," a glittering spark that had decorated Sam's shirt a few hours. It soon shone in Rogelet's red tie as he left the house and another cluster of rocks dangled from his "front." Sam was silent.

It was some game. Just how much Pinchower lost he refuses to say. Some rumors place the amount as high as \$10,000; others say it was only \$7000. Pinchower admits that he lost \$1200 on two shots, but this is all he admits. When asked to explain why Rogelet is wearing his "front," Sam was silent. The diamonds are worth \$3000.

This is Pinchower's second big loss at the same game, "craps," within two years. The other time when Ed Rogelet cleaned up something like \$10,000 was about a break.

At that period, however, Pinchower gave a check for his losses, not having any cash, but stopped payment on it the next morning. Wednesday's game was a cash affair, however, and "Big Harry" walked away with the glittering gold.

ELGIN FIGHT CONTINUES

Mayor and Would-Be Saloon Men May Go Into Court.

ELGIN, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—The fight between the Mayor of Elgin and the would-be saloons is daily growing warmer.

Mayor Weatherpoon has positively refused to approve bonds offered by Cy Powell and Mike Nelson on the grounds that the people were only getting the benefit of his help, died today from consumption. The deceased is a son of James Cameron, a fruit raiser, formerly of Minneapolis.

White at work in the Swan-Hamann mill, Louis Miller suffered a peculiar and painful wound. A slab of wood caught his hand and drew it to the saw, the teeth cutting up through the center of a finger from tip almost to the knuckle, necessitating amputation.

FRUIT RANCHER'S SON DIES

Charles Cameron, 26, Passes Away; White Salmon Man Hurt.

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Those of the stockholders favoring annual fairs contended that Douglas County

LATEST ROAD SUED

Gilmore & Pittsburg Defendant in \$500,000 Action.

LINE STILL IS MYSTERY

McArthur Bros., Contractors of Railway Built Into Idaho—Railroad Men Continue to Wonder Who Backs Deal.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 24.—(Special)—The Gilmore & Pittsburg Railroad has been made defendant in a suit brought by McArthur Bros., contractors, for \$500,000, alleged due for work performed on this still mysterious line, which has been built into Eastern Idaho in Lemhi County.

The complaint asks for \$500,000 for work done by the contractors on the Idaho side of the line, and the balance of the \$500,000, or \$150,000, for grading and installation of the road on the Montana side. The total amount of damage asked by no means represents the total cost of the construction of the road between Armetad, Mont., and Salmon City, Idaho, for McArthur Brothers were but one of the numerous contracting firms engaged during the past year on the installation of the line.

Boise railroad men who have learned of the suit are indulging in not a little speculation as to what can be behind the action and wondering how serious an effect it will have on the plans of holding a fair every third year. It is asserted, a suit of this kind would never have been allowed to enter the courts, due to the fact that system would clear up the matter to save the reputation of its road in the financial world.

Argument is also made that James J. Hill is backing the Gilmore & Pittsburg, all the railroad's obligations be met without trouble. The fact that this line has also been said to be a part of the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, forces local railroad men to conclude that either the Gilmore & Pittsburg is backed by a party of Eastern speculators in the hope that it can be eventually sold out to the larger railroads operating in the West, or the railroad system behind it proposes to continue to keep its identity a secret.

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DAYTON FORGES AHEAD

FAST DEVELOPMENT RECORDS ARE IN ECLIPSE.

Four Years Ago Pomona Was Blazing Trail; Now Hums With Activity; People Are Prosperous.

DAYTON, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special)—In business expansion and building, the growth of Dayton has been a banner one for Pomona and tributary country. Increase in population is 500 to 750, and the wealth of Columbia County is \$500,000 more than a year ago. Realty transfers exceed \$400,000 the record.

Farm land, orchard tracts and business property are in demand and the increase in value is 15 per cent, average. Orchard land is 35 per cent, aggregating 700 acres, have been set out, an investment of \$300,000.

The orchard industry ranks first in growth and expansion. More than 1750,000 is now invested in orchards in Touchet Valley, whereas four years ago Pomona was blazing a trail.

Several business blocks have been erected and the first department store has been established. Another theater is completed and the city park will cost \$20,000. The county fairgrounds were completed at a cost of \$30,000.

Approximately \$13,000 have been expended in municipal improvements, half being paid by property owners for concrete sidewalks on First and Second streets.

More than a mile of hard-surface sidewalks has been laid. Sewers were extended and practically every house is connected. Residential building has kept pace. Scores of modern houses were erected, the cost ranging from \$1800 to \$2400.

INSANE MAN FLEES; LOST

Roseburg Officers Fail to Capture J. H. Brown in Chase.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—As he was about to be arrested in his room in a local boarding-house late yesterday on a charge of insanity, J. H. Brown, a local carpenter, jumped through an open window and escaped. At the time the officers attempted to take him in custody, Brown was in bed, and without delay to dress, he ran through the main thoroughfare of the city and disappeared in the darkness near the depot. Officers gave chase and, notwithstanding they fired several shots, he kept on running to a halt, he only increasing his speed.

Brown is known in Roseburg as the "crazy" man, for the reason that he persists in walking at the extreme outer edge of the sidewalk. He was once an inmate of the Oregon Asylum.

SCHOOL NOW COURTHOUSE

Hood River Will Sell Building to County for \$10,000.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 24.—By a vote of 24 to 12, the taxpayers of School District No. 2 have decided to sell the State street school property to the county of Hood River for \$10,000. When the county was created by the initiative July 1, 1908, the school was rented to the county for courthouse purposes. The law under which the new county was created provided that the permanent county seat should be determined at the next general election. At the November election of this year the city of Hood River was so designated. Under the circumstances the county leased the school property until January 1, 1910, and secured an option to purchase the property at the expiration of the lease for \$10,000. While the old school building is but a temporary home for the county officials, a good fireproof vault was built when the county was first organized, and will do until permanent buildings can be erected. The county has no jail, but has not needed one so far. Since the county was organized but one dangerous criminal has had to be confined at the county expense, and he was boarded at The Dalles for 45 a week. Petty offenders, of which there have been less than a dozen, are taken care of in the city bastille.

BAKER MADE QUARTERS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ESTABLISHES BUREAU.

Prof. H. E. Burke Placed in Charge. Plan to Eradicate Timber-Destroying Insects.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—A dispatch was received from Washington today authorizing the establishment in this city of permanent headquarters for the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture.

WOODBURN MAN DIES

Body of W. R. Jones, Civil War Veteran, Found Fully Attired.

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—W. R. Jones, Civil War veteran, 73 years old, was found dead at his home here Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Jones was last seen Wednesday, and it is supposed that he died of heart failure during the night. He was found fully attired and face downward on the floor of the sitting-room.

There were no signs of a struggle nor evidence of crime. He leaves a small estate.

RECTOR TO BE WELCOMED

Needs of Boys and Young Men Appeal to Rev. Mr. Robinson.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Rev. Charles U. Robinson, of Philadelphia, the new rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will preach here this first Sunday in the new year. He will be given a royal welcome.

One of the activities of the church work that appeals to Rev. Mr. Robinson is the work among boys and young men. The boys' congregation at the new rectory will find here a wide field for his talent in that direction.

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Experts Examine County Books.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—The books and records of the county and all other county records are being examined by a Portland firm of expert accountants. The affairs of the county are in good shape, but a segregation of disbursements and receipts is necessary, as the present administration wants to have everything ready for turning over to the succeeding administration.

Oil on Boat Ignited; Lad Burned.

GARDNER, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—Sherman Lyster, 15-year-old son of Richard Lyster, of the North Fork of Smith's River, was seriously burned and was brought here for medical attendance. Working around the gasoline tank in his father's motor-boat, a lighted match ignited the oil, burning young Lyster about the hands and face.

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