

ABSENCE IN OFFICE HOURS IS CHRONIC

Habit Growing on High Officials, Increasingly Hard to Find at Desks.

SECRETARIES SET EXAMPLE

Western Member of Congress Has Typical Experience on Bootless Search — Road Director Holds Absentee Record.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash.

ington, Jan. 17.—Absenteeism has become chronic in the Government departmental service in Washington, as Senators and Representatives are learning to their sorrow.

Whether the epidemic of absenteeism is the direct result of the example set by Secretary Bryan when he began deserting his office during the day to make a little money outside, or whether it is the result of a laxity of discipline permeating most of the departments it would be hard to say.

A Western representative set aside one afternoon recently to transact business affecting his district, and then pending before the Department of Labor and the Navy Department.

The record for absenteeism in the Federal Service is held by Logan W. Page, director of the Public Buildings and Roads in the Department of Agriculture.

HOOSIER DEAL MAY FAIL

SALE OF INDIANAPOLIS CLUB DEPENDS ON FEDERALS. McGUI and Smith May Forfeit \$10,000 Option Put up for Purchase of American Association Club.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 17.—On action taken by the Federal League magnates in Chicago today will depend to great extent whether the sale of the Indianapolis American Association Club to J. C. McGill, the Denver Western League magnate, and W. C. Smith, of New York, is consummated or falls through.

FIVE DIVORCES GRANTED

Saturday Cleanup Results in Default Decrees. Five default divorces were granted by the Circuit Judges yesterday in their regular Saturday cleanup.

PICTURESQUE PIONEER DIES

Powles W. Blackert, of Jackson County Succumbs at 76. GOLD HILL, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—With the death of Powles William

Blackert, a prominent rancher of the fertile little valley of Galls Creek, near this city, Jackson County and Southern Oregon lose one of its picturesque pioneers. Mr. Blackert, who was 76 years old, was stricken with heart failure at his home Saturday morning.

CALDWELL CLUB ELECTS

COMMERCIAL BODY TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT POLICY.

Organization to Try to Obtain Extension of Time on Payments of Settlers on Payette-Boise Project.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—One of the most successful and largely attended meetings in the history of the Caldwell Commercial Club was held Wednesday, when officers



M. H. Gibbons, Re-Elected Secretary of Caldwell Commercial Club.

were elected and a plan of campaign was mapped out. During the last year, under the presidency of Henry W. Dorris, the club had tried to promote the development of Caldwell and the country tributary thereto, and its funds have been devoted to that end, rather than to efforts to bring in new settlers.

Dr. F. M. Cole, of Caldwell, was elected president, and M. H. Gibbons was re-elected secretary. Five directors were chosen. They are: Curtis Hayden, Frank Mumford, John Boone, Joe Kalm and Harry Burger.

After the election, matters relating to the problems involved in the completion of the building of the Payette-Boise project were discussed. Walter Griffiths, vice-president of the Water Users' Association, stating that payments will begin within the next two years and will take a couple of million dollars out of the country.

Sheriffs to Meet in Spokane.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—At the closing session of the semi-annual meeting of the Washington State Sheriffs' Association, Spokane was chosen today as the next meeting place.



Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan.

FLORENCE, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, one of the pioneer settlers of the Siuslaw Valley, died on January 11 at the home of her son, Marion Morris, in Florence.

Elizabeth Holmstrom was born in Ohio May 4, 1846, and was married to John Holmstrom, a native of Kentucky. The following Spring they crossed the plains to California, in 1869 they moved to Oregon, locating on a homestead on the north fork of the Siuslaw, about eight miles from Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris had nine children, all of whom are living. She is also survived by 66 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

MR. WEST ANSWERED

Mr. Crawford Reveals Fuller History of Watson Fee.

PAYMENT IS HELD LEGAL

Attorney-General Says George Chamberlain When Governor Was Responsible for Employment of Special Counsel.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—That United States Senator Chamberlain, who Governor of Oregon, was responsible for the employment of Judge Watson to assist in recovering state funds from the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, following the resignation of Governor Watson as Governor of Oregon, was the statement of Attorney-General Crawford when told of Governor West's charges that he had paid Attorney Watson \$500 in fees without authority.

"The facts relative to the employment of Judge Watson at the time of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company failure are not quoted by Governor West, although he could easily ascertain them by consulting the records at the Capitol.

Chamberlain's Idea Followed.

"At the time of the failure Treasurer Steel had on deposit in the Title Guarantee & Trust Company about \$400,000 of state money, and having explicit faith in the solvency of the institution he neglected to demand security for the same. As a result of the failure was known Governor Chamberlain, Secretary of State Benson and myself held a conference. On account of the large amount involved, there being a question as to whether the Treasurer's official bonds were sufficient to secure the deposit, Governor Chamberlain said he thought the Attorney-General should have assistance. Judge Watson, who was later called into the case, was proposed among others, and was satisfactory to Chamberlain.

"The American Surety Company, in which concern Treasurer Steel was bonded, at first denied liability on losses to exceed \$112,000. Judge Watson and myself insisted that the American Surety Company was liable, however, and after many conferences with their New York attorney and local representatives we secured a settlement by which the surety company guaranteed to repay the whole sum with 5 per cent interest. The settlement was made in the office of Governor Chamberlain, and in his presence. The money was all repaid as agreed, and Chamberlain said he considered Attorney Watson's fee of \$500 reasonable.

Mr. Crawford Has No Doubt.

"There is no doubt but what the Governor has a legal right to employ special counsel in cases of emergency, and such counsel is entitled to just compensation. Should the state funds again be placed in jeopardy during my term of office I would request the present Governor to employ special counsel, and believe he would have the good judgment to grant the request.

"How Governor West can charge the state officers with paying Attorney Watson with more than he deserved is more than I can determine.

Attorney-General and Mrs. Crawford arrived here today. They called at the Courthouse this afternoon and entered for the primary election. Both are Republicans.

ORCHARDS' PETITION O. K.

Nex Perce County Commissioners Set Election Date February 18.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The Board of County Commissioners of Nex Perce County yesterday granted the petition of residents of Lewiston orchards asking that an election be authorized there to create a highway district under the state law. Upon approving the petition, February 18 was selected for the date of the election.

The total acres embraced in the proposed district is nearly 11,800, and the plan is to provide a hard-surface roadway through the district, which would be a link in the north and south state highway.

JUDGE GALLOWAY SPEAKS

Oddfellows' Lodge at Carlton in Flourishing Condition.

CARLTON, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Judge William Galloway, deputy grand master of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, addressed a joint meeting of the Oddfellows and Rebekah Lodges here last night, in the presence of 12 members and invited guests present. Refreshments were served.

Both orders are in a flourishing condition and are gaining in membership rapidly. The Rebekahs number 51, and the Oddfellows have a membership of 75. Plans are being made for a building.

Kelso Loses Prominent Resident.

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The death of Robert Miller Thursday has removed one who had been active in Christian effort here the past three or four years. Mr. Miller was born in New York City in 1847, passed his early life in Ontario, Canada, and after wards moved to Kelso. Besides his wife he leaves several children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

White Salmon Paper Sold.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The White Salmon Enterprise, the largest newspaper in the west end of Klickitat County, has changed hands, and the new editor assumes control this week. George H. Baxter, who has owned the paper for the past year, will remove with his family to the Coos Bay country, there to edit the mercantile paper, The Enterprise. The new editor, A. Meresse, is from Forest Grove, Or., a graduate of Pacific University, and has done considerable newspaper work there and at Oregon City.

Gold Saving Machine Invented.

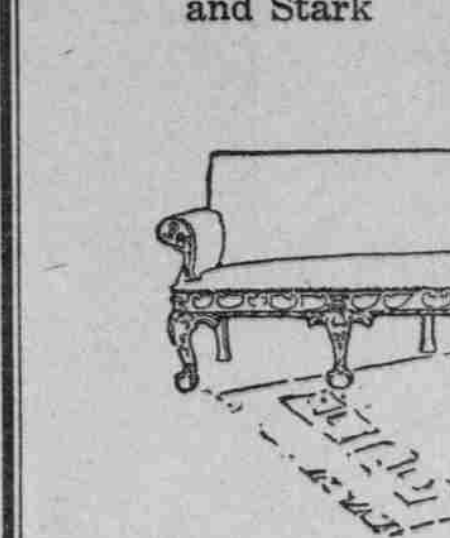
LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Richard Williams, who is identified with a new gold-saving machine, has acquired land on the Upper Snake River and will establish one of the big machines there this Spring. It is said for this invention that the problem of catching the flour gold carried in the black sand of the Snake River has been solved.

"Bob" Hodge Falls Again.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 17.—Robert Hodge, Progressive candidate for Governor, in 1912, failed to pass the bar examination today, this being his third unsuccessful attempt. He announced before returning to Seattle that he would try again next May.

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Advertisement for J. G. Mack & Co. featuring a large illustration of a woman sitting on a chair and text describing their furniture store and January Sale.

LEWIS GAINS SEEN

1914 Promises to Be Banner Year for Progress.

NEW RAILROADS PLANNED

Chehalis and Centralia to Spend Many Thousands on Water Systems and County and State to Join in Road-Building Work.

BALLOT OF '44 INTERESTS

George Stroud, of Polk County, Possesses Early-Day Document.

RICKREALL Or. Jan. 17.—(Special.)

A Democratic ballot of 1844, with James K. Polk and George M. Dallas heading it for President and Vice-President, respectively, is in the possession of George Stroud, a well-known farmer of Polk County.

The ballot was issued in Missouri in 1844 and the symbol near the top is an arm and hammer. Since Polk County was named for the Presidential candidate and Dallas for the Vice-Presidential candidate, the old ballot has proved of unusual interest to county folk and especially to the early pioneers who remember the Presidential contest. Oregon became a territory during the last year of President Polk's administration.

TROOP MAY BE FORMED

Pendleton Considers Cavalry Company Similar to One in Portland.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The question of forming a local cavalry troop, similar to the one recently organized in Portland, is receiving favorable consideration by Pendleton people. The matter was brought to the attention of Sheriff Taylor, president of the Round-Up Association, by the Army officer who organized the Portland troop. While Sheriff Taylor says he will be unable to take the lead in the movement, he has already discovered enough interest to make the proposal appear practical.

The troop would require a minimum of 75 men. The Government will furnish all equipment except horses.

Cottage Grove Resident Dies.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary E. Morris, mother of Mrs. A. L. Zacharias, died Monday night at the home of her daughter after an illness of about a month. Mrs. Morris was 66 years of age. The body will be taken to the old home in Wetmore Kan., for burial.

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Dresses and Waists Greatly Reduced

Advertisement for Ocean Park Sanatorium, featuring a large illustration of the building and text describing its services for cancer treatment.