JIBES AT GOVERNOR ANGER DEMOCRATS

Boise Mayor Has Fight on His Hands When Police Raid Private Residences.

REPUBLICAN PRESS BUSY

Progressives Are Expected to Join Party Again and Not to Put Own Ticket in Primaries for State Offices.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Stephen D. Taylor, ex-State Auditor, secretary to Governor Haines and of the last Senate, now engaged in the newspaper business at Caldwell, has begun the publicity campaign for Republicans against Governor Alexander. Many of the articles from his pen have already appeared in the country press. They reflect the character of the campaign Republicans will conduct, i. e., a severe arraignment of Governor Alexander for increasing taxation in the state in face of his promise that taxes would be reduced. The defense offered for the Governor is that the taxes, if higher, are due to the extravagance of the County Commissioners in making heavy levies to meet county expenses.

It is now evident that many of the Progressives will return to the party if they are assured that they are welcome and may have a voice in the party's councils.

At the last general election Progressives recorded a vote of 17,281 for State Auditor and 19,801 for their candidate for Governor. The party strength is represented by 15,000 votes.

Moose May Not Have Ticket.

It is doubtful if the Progressive party attempts to put a ticket in the field for the next primary campaign. State Chairman Gipson is said to be for a complete organization. Other Progressive party leaders are against it, if reports received here are correct.

The Democratic party has held the center of the political stage the past week, due to the municipal fight in Boise involving Mayor Robinson, a Democrat elected as a non-partisan on the commission government platform, and the charge made by George E. Erb, of Lewiston, that an attempt was made to play petty politics at the banquet of the Northwest Livestock Exposition, when speakers ridiculed the Governor. Mr. Erb was the personal representative of the chief executive at the banquet.

Veto Draws Fire.

The livestock show management is exonerated from any attempt to mix politics at the banquet. The slighting remarks said to have been directed against the chief executive were drawn by his exercise of the veto on the $10,000 appropriation bill for the livestock show. Mr. Erby listened to the remarks in silence until the speakers were through, when he declared the jibes directed at the Governor came from "peanut politicians"; that he had no apologies to make for the chief executive, who, he declared, had lived up to his promise of economy and was entitled to respect.

The fight centered about Mayor Robinson has been called off. Because he had countenanced private raids on residences the business men rose in arms and circulated a recall petition, to which they obtained 1500 names. Then a compromise committee brought both factions together.

The Mayor agreed to call off private detectives and to repudiate remarks made at a mass meeting of his backers to the effect the recall movement was started by the "vice and liquor interests." This stipulation was later ratified by recall advocates. They also appointed a committee to investigate charges against members of the police force who had been ousted. In an interview Mayor Robinson says he will continue to enforce the laws.

WEST SIDE ROAD POPULAR

Pacific Highway to Be Improved Further by Counties.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The East Side Pacific Highway will not experience much tourist travel next Summer, unless steps are taken to improve the road. During the past season practically all the travel between Portland and Southern Oregon towns was over the West Side Highway through Newberg, McMinnville, Dallas, Corvallis, Monroe, Junction City and to Eugene. With the completion of the Rex-Tigard road the West Side Highway is in excellent condition. This was the last link of good roadway between Portland and Eugene. The County Courts of Washington, Yamhill and Polk counties will soon have the highway well marked with signboards. The County Court of Polk County also intends to improve the Dallas, Falls City and Siletz road to Newport.

MINERAL COMPANY FORMS

Incorporation to Develop Ashland Springs Has $100,000 Capital.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Grants Pass and Medford parties will develop lithia springs here on properties adjacent to the city's mineral waters.

Articles of incorporation of the Pompadour mineral springs were filed at Salem today, capitalized at $100,000. A springhouse and bottling plant has been erected and in addition to pavilion features the waters will be bottled for export.

HOQUIAM SCHOOL HAS BAND

Student Organization Formed Under Direction of Warren Dutton.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Warren Dutton, director of the Elks' band of this city and last year principal of one of the city grade schools, and J. Wetzel, a member of the Elks' band, have undertaken the organization of a band in the Hoquiam High School.

This is the first time a band has been organized in the local high school. Mr. Wetzel, considered one of the best band directors on Grays Harbor, will direct the new organization.

$92,313 USED ON HIGHWAY

Hood River County Estimates Work on Columbia Route.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The total cost to date of the Hood River County portion of the Columbia River Highway, including stretches of the route between the Multnomah County line and the station of Viento on the O.-W. R. & N. line, as compiled today by County Court Clerk Kent Shoemaker, has been $92,313.22. Of this sum the county had spent $2451.25 for a survey before a bond issue of $75,000 was carried. Under the terms of a guaranty made the people of Hood River County in consideration of voting the bond issue, S. Benson has advanced for payment of construction work the sum of $14,861.97, this being the excess cost over the bond issue.

In County Clerk Shoemaker's compilation is not included the cost of moving tracks of the O.-W. R. & N. Company at Lindsay Creek and the construction of fences along the company's right of way. Estimates of this cost are placed at approximately $2500.

TILLAMOOK'S MAYOR IS TWICE ELECTED.

S. A. Brodhead.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—S. A. Brodhead, who was this week elected Mayor of Tillamook, has taken a lively interest in the city's affairs, being one of the most progressive citizens for public improvement.

Under his administration a new City Hall is being erected. This is the third time that Mr. Brodhead has been elected Mayor of Tillamook and he has served as Councilman a number of times.

REPUBLICANS SEEK MAN

NORTH IDAHO POLITICIANS HOLD LOVE FEAST AT LEWISTON.

Party Is Determined to Elect Next Governor and Legislature—Three Names Are Mentioned.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Republicans of North Idaho are determined to get together in order that the state will have a Republican Governor and Legislature at its next session. Not only are the Northern Republicans desirous of having an adequate representation from this part of the state, but they are of a unit in the desire to place a Republican in the Governor's chair, regardless of the section of the state from which he comes.

It is generally charged by the leaders of the Progressive and Republican parties that Governor Moses Alexander's administration has been unsatisfactory. They say that appropriations that were most vital have been vetoed; that he has not reduced the state taxes; that while he admits the feasibility of a railroad connecting North and South Idaho, he is doing nothing towards bringing about construction as he promised last Spring.

There is no question, however, but that Governor Alexander will be Democratic candidate to succeed himself at the next election.

The Republicans are still casting about for a man who can lead their party to victory and among those who have been mentioned are: E. W. Davis, of American Falls; Captain Davis, of Boise, and George E. Crum, of Lewiston. The leading lights of the Republican party in North Idaho held a love feast at Lewiston during Livestock Show week.

E. W. Davis, of American Falls, has announced his candidacy for the governorship on the Republican ticket and has started a campaign in his own behalf throughout the state.

Adults Win Preparedness Debate.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.) — "Resolved, that the United States should adopt a preparedness plan which will call for Government control of munitions factories, a half-million citizen army and a much larger Navy," was the subject of a debate at Doty Thursday night between three members of the Doty Parent-Teacher Association and three high school pupils. The latter were Robert Shamblyn, Vena Coleman and Russell Absher. The association was represented by Miss Helen Kalbus, Mr. Duplisse and Mr. Ashley. The latter argued the affirmative side of the question and were awarded the decision.

MABTON, WASH., ELECTS EX-OREGON MAN AS MAYOR.

Earl J. Lutz.

MABTON, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Although a resident of the city only 11 months and 21 days, Earl J. Lutz was elected Mayor of Mabton in the recent election. J. M. Nelson and T. E. Ridgway were chosen Councilmen and A. C. Smith, Treasurer.

Mr. Lutz came here from Oregon City. He engaged in the mercantile business and is one of the most progressive young men of the city. He has taken active part in all civic matters and won great popularity.

WIRE MILEAGE IS HIGH

TELEPHONE LINES IN WASHINGTON WOULD REACH MOON.

Pacific Company Estimates 140,000 Instruments in Use at the Present Time.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—That enough telephone wire is used by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company in Washington, to make a connection with the moon and take several turns about both the earth and its satellite is shown by quantity statistics compiled from the reports of public service commission engineers who are completing the valuation of Bell telephone property in this state.

Not counting about 3500 miles of wire in "drops" or connections between street wires and houses, the Bell companies in Washington have 341,253 miles of telephone wire. The distance from the earth to the moon is 238,850 miles. Of this total wire mileage 45,469 miles are exchange wires, 113,723 miles wire in aerial cables, 180,918 miles in underground cables and 1138 miles in submarine cables.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company owns outright 198,165 poles and in part an additional 11,938.

Trenches dug for underground cables total 1,034,794 feet, or nearly 200 miles.

These statistics are all up to the beginning of 1914, to which date the inventory has been brought. At this time there were 108,671 "stations" or separate telephones in the state, or one for each 11 of population as shown by the last census. Additions since that date and stations of other companies, it is estimated, will bring the present total for the state to approximately 140,000.

A. C. Willson Laid to Rest.

PROSSER, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Funeral services for A. C. Willson, a prominent rancher, were held Wednesday. Mr. Willson was born at Morning Sun, Ia., February 7, 1873. He came to this valley in 1902 and settled near Prosser. Seven years ago he married Sadie Jackson, and to this union three children were born, Paul, Dentra and Howard, all of whom survive him. Besides his widow and children he is survived by three brothers and two sisters, William Willson, of Oklamoha; Samuel Willson, of Mediapolis, Ia.; D. T. Willson, of Grandview, Wash.; Mrs. Martha Lupton, of Galesburg, Ill., and Mrs. Lila McIlhaum, of Morning Sun, Ia.

ECONOMY TICKET WINS OUT

Dayton Officials Propose to Reduce Salaries of City Employes.

DAYTON, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The official returns of the city election held in Dayton this week show the heaviest vote polled here in years in any city election. The candidate for Mayor on the economy ticket, Dr. C. H. Day, was elected by a majority of 170 votes, and A. P. Cahill, on the same ticket, was elected for Councilman-at-Large. H. E. Hamm, on the citizens' ticket, candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, won the greatest majority of any of his party, with 160 votes over his opponent.

The first of the year salaries of city officials will be materially reduced, and other drastic steps will be taken to cut down the taxes.

Roseburg Poor to Be Cared For.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The "Jeffs" is the name of an organization formed here recently by a number of young men of the city to provide for the "down and outs" prior to the Christmas holidays. Nearly every business man in Roseburg has joined the organization and it is believed that several hundred dollars will be raised for distribution among the poor. The women have arranged a charity ball, the proceeds from which will be applied toward purchasing supplies for the needy.

IDAHO BUILDING IS SOLD

$14,000 PROPERTY AT FAIR BRINGS $500 AS SALVAGE.

San Diego, Chicago and New York Ask for Mining Exhibit and Display May Be Sent to All.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The state building that Idaho maintained at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition has been sold for $500 as salvage. It cost $14,000. Commissioner Calzek, who has been in charge, believes that a good bargain was driven, because the state saved the expense of removing the structure.

The Legislature appropriated $100,000 three years ago and created a commission to supervise the expenditure of this sum in making a display at the exposition. The commission will have a surplus of between $9000 and $10,000.

The mining exhibit will be saved intact and is considered the finest exhibit of its kind. The San Diego Exposition management has requested the exhibit be forwarded to that fair. The state has not as yet taken definite action on the transfer, since the business men of Chicago and New York have asked to have the exhibit displayed in both those cities.

It is believed here that the revival evident in the mining industry will result in development of many enterprises which have lacked capital to place them on a dividend-paying basis. For this reason it is considered advisable to give the exhibit as much advertising as possible, that those interested in mining properties can be informed as to the mineral wealth of Idaho.

Medford Grand Army Camp Elects.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 47, this week the following officers were elected for next year: Commander, George Hall; vice-commander, J. T. Carpenter, Sr.; second vice-commander, F. M. Putney, Jr.; quartermaster, J. A. Caldwell; surgeon, C. B. Kent; chaplain, Hiram Bender; officer of the day, Charles Paul; patriotic instructor, J. T. Carpenter. The following delegates to the state convention were named: Andrew Jackson, A. E. Newman; alternate delegates, L. H. Tucker and Alexander Troudell.

Elma Shingle Mill to Be Moved.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The Ping-Pong shingle mill, which has been operating near Elma for 11 years, will move within the next few weeks to a point in the North River Valley, near the end of the O.-W. R. & N. line. The mill cuts 100,000 shingles a day and employs 30 men.