STATE ABLE TO PA ALL ITS LIABILITIES

Oregon Has No Bonded Indebtedness-Few Certifiicates Are Issued.

Secretary of State's Report Shows Increase in Receipts of His Department, Although Corporation Fees Eliminated.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6. - (Special.) -Oregon has no bonded indebtedness. Neither has it outstanding liabilities of any character for the payment of which funds are not available, although a few "certificates of indebtedness" have been issued on the authority

of the emergency board.

During the past biennial period the State Treasurer has possessed at all times sufficient funds to meet the payment of all warrants drawn on the general fund as they were presented for payment, so that the state has been obliged to pay no interest on any of its obligations during that period.

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These are some of the facts which will appear in the forthcoming biennial report of Segretary of State Olcott, which has just been sent to the printer. The report shows that in 1915 warrants aggregating \$1,465.23 and in 1916 warrants aggregating \$64.20 were advertised as unpaid for more than seven years and, under the law, such obligations ceased to exist against the state.

Few Appropriations Continuing. The report further shows that, after the Legislature of 1915 had completed the Legislature of 1915 had completed repealing annual appropriations, but a few of such appropriations were left on the statute books—one for the state library, being an annual continuing appropriation of \$7500 a year; annual continuing appropriations for some half dozen experiment stations and the annual millage levies for the University

Attesting sundry miscellaneous commiscions
Filing and recording trade-marks and assignments
Making transcripts and certificates
Sales of codes, session laws, Supreme Court reports, etc.
Attesting and recording warrants of arrest
Payments for space 1914 general election pamphlet
Filing declarations of candidacy, primary election 1918
Payments for space 1915 primary election pamphlet

"Receipts for the biennial period, October 1, 1910 to September 30, 1912, amounted to \$229,159.97, and for the biennial period, October 1, 1912, to September 38, 1914, to \$229,193.74," says the report. "Prior to June 3, 1913, corporation fees were collected by the department. These fees made up the greater part of the receipts of the office. However, notwithstanding this fact, the total office receipts show an increase over the preceding blands. increase over the preceding blennial period. This is due chiefly to the great increase in the number of motor vehi-

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—
recrease in the number of motor veit commissions and fees for instruction commissions and fees for interest in the state, specially in the southern portion, in a flower of candidacy at primary elections."

REV. NELSON CLARK DEAD

Former Pastor of Eugene Passes

Away at Berkefgy Home:

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—
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EVERNETIEN, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—
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HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)
—The Grays Harbor County teachers'
Institute yesterday adopted a resolution opposing action by the state Leg-islature providing for military training in the high schools. The resolution, which was introduced by the resolu-tions committee, came as a surprise to

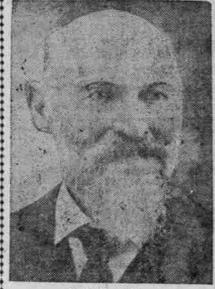
"After serving as Mayor for a period of one and a half years, I am convinced that the only way to conduct the business of a town is under a commission form of government," he said.

"This is being successfully carried out in towns the size of North Bend in several states and can be done here and I hope during the year to see this plan adopted and our charter amended accordingly."

Scotchman Says Germans Are Glad to Be Taken.

accordingly."
Other recommendations made by
Mayor Russell was the improvement of
Simpson Park, a gift from the Simpson estate, municipal support for the public library, stricter economy in ex-penditures, rebuilding of the public wharf and construction of the skyline boulevard surveyed between Marsh-

MASON ACCEPTS SAME OFFICE FOR 37th TIME.



G. I. Hazeltine.

CANYON CITY, Or., Jan. 6.—
(Special.)—G. I. Hazeltine has been re-elected secretary of Canyon City Lodge, No. 34, A. F. and A. M., for 36 years. He was installed for the 37th time on December 27, 1916.

field and North Bend

the statute books—one for the state proportion of 1750 a year; annual continuing appropriation of 1750 a year; annual continuing appropriation for some has a provided for the consequence of the consequen

REPRESENTATIVE SMITH INTRO DUCES IRRIGATION MEASURE.

Proposal Is for Government to Purchase Bonds-Many File on 640-Acre Homesteads.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 6.—(Special.)— There is unusual interest in this state,

HIGHLANDER HEARD FROM

Peter D. Forbes, of Oregon City, Has Letter Which Expresses Confidence in Result of War, Saying English Force Improves.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 6 .- (Special.)-Eighty per cent of the Germans ing, a sergeant in the Gordon High-landers, who spent six months in Europe taking prisoners from the first line to the detention camps and who took part in three trench raids before he was wounded. He tells of his exhe was wounded. He tells of his experiences in a letter written to Peter
D. Forbes, of this city, manual training
teacher in the local school. Mr. Pickering, who is associated with R. Y.
Pickering & Co., Limited, rallway carriage and wagon builders, of Wishaw,
near Glasgow, Scotland, and Mr. Forbes
are friends of many years' standing.
Mr. Pickering's letter, casting interesting side lights on the great war,

esting side lights on the great war, follows, in part:
"December, 1914, I decided to offer my services. Father, and mother were very much against it, as we were busy in the works at the time. However, I considered the matter fully and could considered the matter fully, and could not see otherwise than it was my duty, as I was 34 years of age, had not taken the responsibility of a wife, had considerable experience, you remember, in the Boer war, strong and healthy, and had always taken an active interest in

had always taken an active interest in military affairs.

"February, 1915, I went over to France as a sergeant in my old regiment, the Gordon Highlanders. For six months I did not actually see any active service, being employed leading German 'prisoners to the detention camps behind the lines and doing other odd jobs, at the same time familiarizing myself with all parts of the line.

Trench Service Seen.

ing that you planned is now completed, the main office building being now 150 by 45 feet, two stories high, of brick construction. In Wishaw we would not construction. In Wishaw we would not know a war was in progress except for a few wounded soldiers going around. Of course, many sad hearts are in the homes, as we have now lost 74 to date, but we have 1550 in the service, and this after all, is not so bad." and this, after all, is not so bad."

ABERDEEN SHOWS GROWTH

Rate of Population Increase Is More Than One Family Daily.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 6 .- (Spe-

POULTRY SHOW THIS WEEK pay a tax upon their net premiums, and he estimates that such tax will amount to about \$60,000.

CITY COMMISSION URGED

North Bend Mayor Also Proposes

Rebuilding of Wharf.

NORTH BEND, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Mayor Elmer Russell, in his an
Magnetic Accommodations and in the superintendent of the superintendent of

the local commandery of Knights Templar and the Council of Royal and Select Masters was held Tuesday night. The officers of the former Masonic organization for 1917 were installed as follows: W. L. Clark, eminent commander; A. D. Moe, generalissimo; C. K. Marshall, captain-general; D. McDonald, treasurer; H. L. Dumble, secretary; J. K. Carson, senior warden; E. O. Blanchar, junior warden; A. G. Lewis, standard-bearer; Walter Walters, swordbearer; W. F. Laraway, warder. The Council officers are: W. F. Laraway, grand commander for Oregon of the Knights Templar, illustrious master; J. K. Carson, illustrious deputy master; A. F. Howes, principal conductor of work; E. O. Blanchar, treasurer; E. C. Smith, secretary; C. K. Marshall captain of guard; A. D. Moe, conductor of Carsoli. shall captain of guard; A. D. Moe, corductor of Council.

GRANT OFFICIALS ON JOB

Three New County Officers Assum Their Posts.

CANYON CITY, Or., Jan. 6 .- (Spe cial.)—Three new Grant County offi-cials assumed charge of their duties captured by the allies are delighted at Wednesday. They were Phil Ashford, being taken, according to J. J. Picker- District Attorney; Grover Conger Commissioner, and W.

> Mr. Howell has been chief deputy Sheriff for the past eight years. His chief deputy is Mr. Cozad. J. M. Blank retires as District Attorney and will resume his law practice here. He was appointed District Attorney about a year ago, V. G. Cozad having resigned to become Register of the Burns Land Office.
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> Grover Conger, of Long Creek, will serve out the unexpired terms of the

> serve out the unexpired term of the late Joseph Putnam. W. E. White, a merchant of Monument, who served in that capacity for the past six months, refused to become a candidate at the recent election.
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> Sheriff Howell and County School Superintendent Austen are Democratic county officials.

TILLICUMS DINE ON GAME

Port Orford Club Holds Annual Banquet at Close of Chase

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)
—Port Orford's Tillicum Club of 40 members, in their recent competitive hunt, likely brought a wider variety of game back to headquarters for the introductory annual banquet than could be found in any locality in Oregon, although the state in many sections abounds in fine game.

The membership of the club was divided and points were counted by the importance of the game which was delivered. Two days were employed in the chase.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)
—City Attorney Sidney Moor Heath,
of Hoquiam, has been notified that arguments will be heard Tuesday by the
Supreme Court in the appeal of the C.

is important to the city. The case involves some \$200,000 worth of warrants of the city issued in the latter part of 1913, 1914 and the early part of 1915. The suit was brought against the city on the grounds that the legal debt limit had been exceeded and that a large part of the warrants were illegal.

Roseburg Woman Dies.

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RECOMMENDATION IS MADE IN WASHINGTON SCHOOL SURVEY. Legislature Also Will Be Asked to

Abolish County Institutes and

Make Other Changes. ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 6 .- (Special.)-Abolition of county teachers' institutes and the placing of comoulsory military training in all Washngton high schools are two of a good many new ideas which the coming Legslature will be asked to make into law by the legislative commission of

educational survey, of which State Sen-ator E. E. Boner, of this city, is a mem-The commission also will ask that a constitutional amendment removing the four-year tenure of office restriction for County Superintendents be submitted to the people. It urges the passage of a law fixing \$1200 as the minimum salary of County Superin-

In place of county institutes the commission will advise that teachers take Summer normal school work. It urges that city, as well as rural school, grade students be required to pass the state eighth-grade examinations, and urges that the high school students of the state be required to pass exam-

inations on finishing school.

The report on compulsory military training deals with this subject but briefly. It says: "We recommend that the next Legislature carefully consider the question of military instruction with a view to making it compulsory in the high schools of this state."

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The Brazilian city of Para is plan-ning to sterilize all of its drinking water with ultraviolet rays.



OREGON ELECTRIC RY

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5:30, 7:55 P. M.

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