

COMMISSION ASKS FOR SHORT BALLOT

Consolidation Board Advises Increase in Governor's Appointive Power.

OFFICES HELD TOO MANY

Reduction of Number and Merging of Powers Asked; Budget System Under State Executive Also Is Suggested.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special).—Although the general outline of the plan of the Consolidation Commission's proposed form of state government stands unchanged in the completed report made public today, numerous important additional recommendations are disclosed. The report was made public by Fred Topken, of Portland, who has been assisting Professor J. M. Matthews, of the University of Illinois, in compiling it.

The commission offers as one of its reasons for making all state officers appointive by the Governor, with but one or two exceptions, the fact that such appointments would "relieve the voter of a burden which he is not qualified to bear." The commission points out that on a number of offices the voter cannot remember for whom he has voted, and that he casts his ballot in a mechanical fashion.

Separation of Offices Urged.
The commission would obtain passage of constitutional amendment separating the duties of Secretary of State and Auditor and making the Secretary of State an appointive officer and the Auditor an elective officer. This is the plan which is most desired by the commission, but it also touches upon the fact that a constitutional amendment would be required, and as a result states it will confine its recommendations solely to what can be accomplished under statutory changes.

The commission suggests also that the Governor should have a larger salary than any other state officer and he should be relieved as a member of all boards and commissions except constitutional boards. It should not be necessary, it is continued, to have a confirmation by the Senate of any of his appointments, and he should have power of removal from all offices, without showing cause, except as to minor offices under control of the Civil Service rules.

Emergency Board Assailed.

The commission would abolish the Emergency Board and place its duties with the Finance Commission composed of the Governor, Treasurer and Secretary of State. This commission also would take the duties of the irrigation and ship securities commissions. The Land Board would be abolished and its duties placed with the State Treasurer. After saying the Land Board should be abolished the commission continues by saying that the Secretary of State should be removed from all boards except the Land Board and Finance Commission.

The commission declares that the overhead for printing by the state is now too great for the volume of business done and suggests consolidation of the State Printer and Secretary of the Printing Board into a superintendent of printing and supplies. The State Printing Board would be abolished and its work handled by the superintendent.

Lieutenant-Governor Wanted.

The office of Lieutenant-Governor would be created and he, rather than the Secretary of State, as at present provided, would be successor to the Governor.

All fees received would be turned into the general fund, and all activities receive appropriations instead of using their fees for maintenance. A budget system would be established, with the Governor having supervision over the budget and the Tax Commissioner. The present ex-officio Tax Commission would be abolished and replaced by a commission of three non-ex-officio commissioners, with the Governor as chairman and two of the members acting as deputy commissioners.

The office of State Architect would be created and among other things the custody of the capitol buildings and grounds would be taken from the Secretary of State and reported to him. Selection of state depositories would be taken from the State Treasurer and placed with the Finance Commission, and the office of weights and measures also would be taken from the Treasurer and placed with the Bureau of Standards to be created. Supervision of inheritance taxes would be taken from the Treasurer and lodged with the Tax Commissioner.

Board of Control Superseded.

The Department of Public Welfare would take the place of the present ex-officio Board of Control, headed by the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer. The new department would be under a director, and he would purchase supplies for state institutions. Some of the legislative supplies, for some of the offices in the capitol building and for the agricultural college and normal school. The Director of Public Welfare would appoint the state parole officer, and with himself and the Governor's secretary would constitute the parole board in advisory board of five members would be selected to look out for the welfare of the inmates of state institutions.

Educational Control Centralized.

In the educational department the Superintendent of Public Instruction would become appointive and the educational system would be under a State Board of Education of nine members. Handling higher educational institutions would be under the "three-one" plan, the board being divided into three institutional committees, one for each institution. These institutional committees would not be administrative in character, but would have general charges of the policies and appoint the presidents. A general manager, and auditor would have charge of the business affairs of all the higher educational institutions and he would purchase perishable supplies, other supplies to be bought through the superintendent of printing and supplies. Members of the board would be non-salaried, while the business manager and auditor would be salaried and devote his entire time to the work.

This department would have a general director with six deputies, and the fish and game would come under one of the deputies. This would also include a Bureau of Building with the state architect and deputy architect at its head.

HUSBAND FORCED TO COOK

Shipyard Worker Therefore Sues June Bride for Divorce.

Charles Cook, a shipyard worker, married Rettle M. Cook at Vancouver on June 20, 1918. That was just two months ago. But Charles, according to his divorce complaint filed yesterday, has a grievance against his bride. Although he works hard in the ship-

WELL-KNOWN THEATRICAL MAN TO DIRECT ALCAZAR PLAYERS.



James A. Bliss.

James A. Bliss, comedian and stage director, has been engaged for the season as stage director at the new Alcazar Theater, Eleventh and Morrison streets, where the Alcazar Players will open Saturday, September 14. Mr. Bliss is experienced in his work and brings to the company plenty of enthusiasm and a determination to make good. He has played 600 parts in the past 22 years and has been a director of a number of big companies. His first came to Portland in "Baby Mine" six years ago and returned to direct the Baker Players. Mr. Bliss isn't afraid to work, often devoting 18 to 20 hours a day to study and active work, directing and rehearsing.

His pet hobby is stage decoration and he is planning staging scenery and properties that will be a big feature of the new playhouse, he says.

yard, he says, he is compelled to cook his own meals. This work, he says, is distasteful to his bride. He thinks he is entitled to a divorce.

Davis Gillette is defendant in a divorce suit filed by Ruth Gillette, whom he married in Portland in 1904. She charged infidelity and cruelty, and says she has been compelled to work to make her own living. They have no children.

East Christensen is another new husband who says his wife refuses to cook his meals. He also complains that she is associating with other persons whom he does not like. They were married at Vancouver last February.

WESTPORT OUSTS SUSPECT
Lumbering Center Insists That All Citizens Be Loyal.

Westport, Or., is 100 per cent American, the citizens of the lumbering manufacturing town on the Columbia have resolved to maintain a clean record of patriotism.

This was discovered Thursday by W. D. Hawk, a carpenter, who was escorted to the depot by a committee of citizens, put on the train and sent to Portland.

Hawk is said not only to have made derogatory remarks about the Government, but also to have refused to purchase liberty bonds and war savings stamps, or give to the Red Cross.

At Portland he was arrested and held for investigation by the Federal authorities.

DEATH NARROWLY ESCAPED
Motorcycle Officer Is Seriously Injured in Collision.

Motorcycle Officer Clement had a narrow escape from death yesterday, when on an emergency call he was struck by an automobile at East Seventh and Prescott streets. The car struck the front wheel of his motorcycle, and, losing control of his machine, Clement ran into the rear of a car parked across the street.

The impact was so great that he was thrown a distance of several feet on the pavement. He sustained a broken leg and serious internal injuries. He was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital.

The driver of the automobile was Jacob Kahler, 18 years old, who lives at 888 Grand avenue North.

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PHYSICIAN IS HELD DISLOYAL TO U. S.

Dr. Nels J. Lund, of St. Vincent's Hospital, Arrested by Federal Official.

DAMAGING LETTER FOUND

Message to Friend in China Said to Contain Severe Criticism of the Government and All of Its War-Time Activities.

Dr. Nels J. Lund, house physician at St. Vincent's Hospital, who resides with his parents at 101 East Eighth street, was arrested yesterday by a Deputy United States Marshal on a complaint charging him with a violation of the espionage act. His bond was fixed at \$1000 pending an inquiry by the Federal grand jury.

In a letter to C. E. Mallin, Pekin, China, dated June 24 last, Lund is alleged by the Government to have made several highly disloyal and seditious statements, severe in their criticism of the Government and various of its war-time activities. In this letter Lund was especially vigorous in his criticism of the shipbuilding industry, the sale of liberty bonds and war savings stamps and subscriptions to the Red Cross and also the plan to change the draft ages to 18 to 45. Excerpts from the letter, which is in possession of the Government, follow:

Graft in Shipyards Charged.

"All you can hear on the Coast is 'ships,' and from what I can learn the shipbuilding game is some graft, too, an absolute guarantee from the Government of coast plus. Men in the shipyards are so thick that they are in each other's way, and construction men whom I know say that if this was contract work it would be a great deal different. The graft is good and the vultures are feeding fat. Vanderlip, president of the First National Bank of New York, has worked for the Government for a year at the magnificent salary of \$1 and at the same time raked in \$5,000,000 through letting shipbuilding contracts.

"Men who have spent their lives clerking in some Philadelphia shoe store have enlisted and become soldiers and are now on the Coast instructing old-time loggers how to take out spruce to a tune which is costing the Government \$100 per 1000. Great game.

Fourth Enemy Is Found.

"Formerly people took a great deal of satisfaction in calling their enemies one of three names: A German, a Socialist, or an I. W. W. Now we have also a fourth—the slacker. If you don't buy war savings stamps, liberty bonds etc., to suit somebody else, you are a slacker. If you don't volunteer for war, you are a slacker. So mud-slinging shares as a pastime with actual warfare.

"There has been an attempt to raise the draft age to 45 years, but nothing doing. Those whose pants are well-padded, and who are waxing fat on the war don't want to go, but the kids who are coming into their majority are being shoved into the slaughter."

Intent to Injure Denied.

Dr. Lund told Assistant United States Attorney Goldstein that he was a native of Sweden and had lived in the United States since 1884. He applied for citizenship papers in 1908 but neglected to complete his citizenship within the statutory five-year period. His second application for first papers was made in 1916 and he obtained his final papers and was admitted to citizenship last June, about two weeks before he wrote the objectionable letter which resulted in his arrest.

In explanation of the letter and its contents, Dr. Lund said it was a "sort of slangy way he had of expressing himself." He denied that he had written the letter deliberately to injure the Government or embarrass its war programme. Dr. Lund admitted that he had not purchased any of the three issues of liberty bonds, and estimated that his investments in war savings stamps and subscriptions to the Red Cross probably aggregated \$15.

WATER NETS BIG PROFIT

TULARE COUNTY RANCHER STRONG FOR RURAL IRRIGATION.

Dr. Frank E. Hull, Farmer Extraordinary, Converts Sagebrush Land Into Producing Garden Spot.

Dr. Frank E. Hull, rancher extraordinary, is in Portland from Tulare County, Cal., investigating farming conditions in Oregon.

Dr. Hull is known all over Central California as an irrigation expert. He is one of the largest owners of land in California and farms every acre himself.

"I believe in putting water on every acre and putting every acre under cultivation, and I practice what I preach," said Dr. Hull. "I think Oregon has much to learn in this respect."

Dr. Hull recently astounded farmers everywhere by raising the Hull melon, a gigantic cantaloupe-like melon, which weighs from 10 pounds to 18 pounds and grows as easily as any other melon, and is just as prolific a bearer. Two years ago Dr. Hull served one of the first of these melons to Tom Gerber, of Portland, who called at his ranch.

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ranches during the season," said Dr. Hull. "but I gave it up as a bad job."

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