

# UNIFORM SALARIES IN STATE PLANNED

### Legislative Committee to Gather Information.

## BLANKET BILL PROPOSED

#### All Pay of Officials From State Officers to County Included in Comprehensive Survey.

Because many official salaries are out of joint with the abnormal times, and here and there resignations by officials because they cannot live on their pay, a special legislative committee met in Portland yesterday to gather information on which to base a blanket salary bill for introduction in the 1921 session of the state legislature. The committee consists of Senator John Bell of Lane, Senator W. W. Strayer of Baker, Representative E. W. Haines of Washington, E. P. Dodd of Deschutes, and H. C. Wheeler of Lane.

All official salaries, from those of state officers, down to the lowest county officers, will be included in the comprehensive and state-wide survey. The five members of the committee will visit every county, each making a personal investigation, and the result of the information will be digested probably in October or November, and a schedule of salaries prepared.

#### Interviews to Be Made.

The salaries of state officials will be left until December, when the entire committee will go to Salem, Multnomah county will be dealt with independently of other counties for the reason that the population, wealth and volume of business in Multnomah places it beyond comparison with any other Oregon county.

In gathering data, the legislators will interview county school directors, circuit judges, district attorneys, county clerks, sheriffs and such other county officials as they can find, and outside of official circles they will discuss with leading citizens what the latter consider about the right compensation for the various offices. By pursuing this system, the committee expect to have detailed information on every office in every county, and when this mass of statistics is analyzed an attempt will be made to make salaries uniform.

There is a wide range in salaries for the same office. For instance, county judges are paid \$400 a year in Wheeler county to \$2000 a year in Douglas and Tillamook counties. County clerks range from \$1000 a year in Curry to \$4500 in Multnomah; sheriffs range from \$1200 in Curry to \$4500 in Multnomah and \$4000 in Harney; county treasurers from \$200 a year in Wheeler to \$2500 in Multnomah; assessors from \$4 a day in Wheeler to \$1200 in Benton, Lane and Washington, to \$1600 in Yamhill; superintendents from \$600 a year in Wheeler and Curry to \$2500 a year in Multnomah; district attorneys run from \$600 to \$4000.

#### Sheriffs to Be Pitted.

Senator Strayer said that some sheriffs go into office well fixed and go out broke. He favored some programme of giving sheriffs fees in civil cases. Senator Bell said that county clerks are practicing a programme of charging for transcripts and certified copies of documents, the clerk pocketing the fee and the work is done by county employees on county time. There is no complaint over the sheriff's compensation in certain counties while in others the sheriff is more to be pitied than envied, and the same situation holds true of some of the county treasurers.

Members of the committee thought it strange that circuit judges in Multnomah receive \$2000 a year, while outside judges are paid \$1000, yet the \$4000-a-year judges are frequently called to Portland to do the work of the \$2000-a-year jurists. A circuit judge is in an awkward position, the committee opined, for while in office the judge cannot practice his profession, and if he remains on the bench too long he loses his practice and has a tough time starting over again when he is no longer a judge.

The legislative committee will start on their travels some time during the summer.

## WHISKY CACHED IS GONE

### NOT EVEN ODOR LEFT, SAYS PROHIBITION AGENT.

#### Beeman and Long, Who Went to Prineville in Quest of Liquor, Return Empty Handed.

"Not even an odor of whisky" was the laconic report of Joseph Beeman, federal prohibition agent, who returned to Portland yesterday from Prineville, where he went in company with A. L. Long, former Portland policeman, to unearth a cache which contained more than \$2000 worth of bonded whisky.

When the prohibition agent arrived at the scene of the cache he found that some enterprising bootlegger had located the whisky and, according to Sheriff Combs at Prineville, had been doing a rushing business with the illegal "firewater." Evidence that five bottles of whisky of the same brand as Long had hidden and been sold in and around Prineville was found.

Long took the whisky away from L. L. Adcox, who was transporting a generous supply into the state from California last summer. Long later was arrested and convicted of impersonating a deputy United States marshal. Last week, just before he was to receive his sentence, Long agreed to turn over the hidden whisky to the government, but the eastern Oregon bootlegger already had located the cache.

"Long was absolutely on the square with me," reported Beeman upon his arrival in Portland yesterday. "I am positive that the whisky was found and taken without his knowledge."

#### Vikings Appear Again on Streets of Hoquiam.

Two Hundred Norsemen From Six States in Strange Convention.

HOQUIAM, Wash., June 5.—(Special)—Nearly 200 Norsemen from half a dozen states have gathered in Hoquiam for the 17th annual convention of the Sons of Norway. Most of them will stay over for a day or two to see the harbor and the lumber camps, for the visitors are largely

from lumber and maritime interests, and their interest in these industries is keenly aroused in their visit here. The delegates come from Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Alaska and Mexico, three being mariners sailing out of Mazatlan.

A distinguishing mark of the visitors is their physique of the true Norseman type. Hoquiam's streets now seem peopled by scores of reincarnated vikings. In their number is Thor Tjolkmar, aged in years but sailing the seas with the vim of ripened strength at the age of 80. He is master of a tiny windjammer in Arctic waters and is a striking figure with huge, white mustaches that cascade down his breast like the tusks of a walrus. Captain Tjolkmar served in the American navy as a boatswain during the civil war on a frigate. He was mate of a filibustering craft in the Russo-Japanese war and he served as first mate of the "Duke," a schooner that was bombed near West Hartlepool, England, by Germans early in the war. Only four of the crew of 12 got ashore.

## 3-MILL LEVY INDORSED

### CIVIC LEAGUE TAKES ACTION ON SCHOOL MEASURE.

#### Aid Pledged in Campaign Now Being Carried On in Behalf of Additional Funds for District.

Indorsement of the three-mill levy to be voted upon at the forthcoming school election was given unanimously by the Oregon Civic League yesterday noon at the regular weekly session and luncheon of the organization at the Benson hotel. A resolution was adopted urging the passage of the levy and pledging the aid of the Civic League in the campaign now being carried on in its behalf.

Candidates for school directors for school district No. 1, two of whom are to be elected at this time, were given an opportunity to appear before the club, each of the candidates being allotted a few minutes to state his platform. The following were called upon: Mrs. Francis Sherman, W. F. Woodward, J. N. Pearce, S. A. Murphree, Frank E. Smith, W. A. Jones and O. M. Plummer.

Mr. Jones, who with Mr. Murphard is a "labor candidate," both having been given the indorsement of union labor at the regular weekly meeting of the central labor council last Thursday evening, declared that he had no intention of running for school director until after he had heard of his indorsement by the labor council.

"The tender of labor support was so complimentary that I could not decline it," he said. "I know of no other group whose indorsement I would rather have than that of organized labor."

Mrs. Sherman, who was appointed by William Howard Taft, when he was president, to aid in the administration of the educational system in the Philippines, outlined her position as favoring the development of the school system of Portland along the lines of highest efficiency. Other statements along the general lines of school development were made by the other candidates, and Mr. Plummer, who is seeking re-election, emphasized particularly the passage of the three-mill levy. The passage of this measure, which will give funds for enlarging the city schools along lines that are greatly needed, is more important at this time than the matter of the election of school directors, he declared.

## HOTEL TO BE IMPROVED

### New Proprietor to Expend \$15,000 in Changes at Seward.

Alterations and improvements in the Seward hotel, to cost approximately \$15,000, will be undertaken shortly by W. C. Culbertson, new proprietor of the hotel, who is completing negotiations for the lease and furnishings of the property at the corner of Tenth and Alder streets. While the negotiations have not been completed all necessary steps toward the transfer have been made, and Mr. Culbertson already has taken charge of the hotel. The purchase price of the lease and furnishings was given as \$100,000. The property belongs to Gus Roseblatt and members of the Roseblatt family.

Improvements at the Seward to be undertaken by the new proprietor include the installation of a large ice plant and laundry in the basement, the two plants being of sufficient capacity to serve both the Seward and the Cornelia, of which Mr. Culbertson also is proprietor. Several thousand dollars will be spent in additional furnishings.

The general policies in the management of the hotel maintained by W. F. Seward until his death and by Mrs. Seward from then until the present time will be continued, according to Mr. Culbertson, and the present hotel staff will be retained.

## J. W. GANONG TO TAKE REST

### General Manager Portland Flouring Mills Resigns.

J. W. Ganong, vice-president and general manager of the Portland Flouring Mills company, tendered his resignation yesterday to M. H. Houser, president of the company, the resignation to take effect immediately. Mr. Ganong's health has not been good for several months and his physicians advised him to take a rest immediately.

Mr. Ganong has been with the Portland Flouring Mills company since 1888 and with his prior experience has seen nearly 40 years' service in the flour-milling business. He was chairman of the milling division of the food administration for this zone, succeeding late T. B. Wilcox, and served until the food administration went out of existence at the close of the war.

Mr. Houser was reluctant to accept Mr. Ganong's resignation as general manager of the flour company and he left with the good wishes of all connected with the firm. No successor to Mr. Ganong has been appointed.

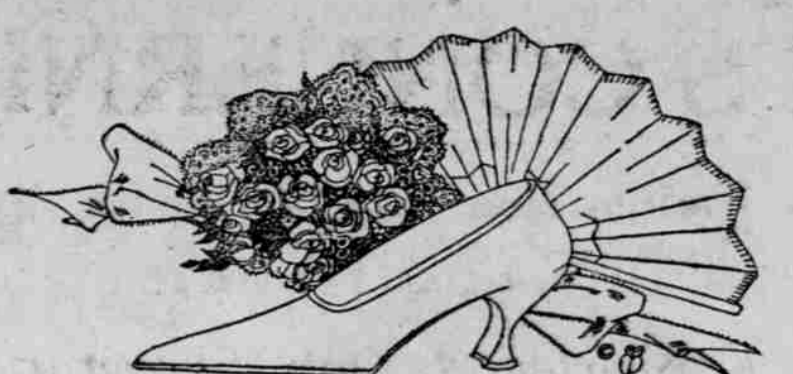
## Bible School to Last Three Weeks.

Bible classes for boys and girls will be held in the Millard avenue Presbyterian church for a three-week period beginning June 16, under the auspices of the Multnomah County Sunday School association. Miss Parker, a worker in the state Bible school, will be in charge of the course. Classes will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and close at 11:45. Children ranging from those of the elementary age to high school students will be accepted.

## Louis F. Fies Estate \$11,000.

An estate valued at \$11,000 was left by the late Louis F. Fies, according to the petition for probate of will filed in the circuit court by Ralph H. Baldwin, executor-in-law. The children, who are said to be the sole heirs, are Clifford D. Fies, Grants Pass, Or.; Mrs. Olive Baldwin, North Yakima, Wash.; and Mrs. Agnes L. West, Portland. Henry W. Hughes, Angus Campbell and John H. White were appointed appraisers.

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## ESTACADA GARAGE BURNS

### \$40,000 FIRE INCLUDES MACHINES IN STORAGE.

#### Firemen Unable to Save Building or Cars and Turn Attention to Adjoining Buildings.

ESTACADA, Or., June 5.—(Special)—Fire, which destroyed the Wilcox Bros' garage at a loss of \$40,000, broke out this morning, the first serious blaze the town has had in several years. Several cars were burned. Loss on the machines stored and the building and equipment is partly covered by insurance.

The fire is believed to have started in the office and had gained much headway before it was discovered. Efforts of firemen were confined to keeping the fire under control and preventing it from spreading to neighboring buildings.

Mayor Bartlett, who usually stores his car in the garage, was congratulating himself today that he had left his machine at his home the night before.

War Wealth Tax Abandoned.

LONDON, June 5.—The cabinet council Friday decided to abandon the idea of a tax on war wealth, which had been examined into by the cabinet and by a special committee of the house of commons.

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## Livestock—Oregon's Second Greatest Industry

THE SALE OF LIVESTOCK for meat purposes last year brought \$45,000,000 to Oregon stock men—a figure which places livestock second in the important industries of the State. Five years ago the total sales amounted to approximately \$36,000,000. This increase of \$9,000,000 in five years readily indicates the important progress that is being made in the industry.

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THE LIVESTOCK POPULATION in the State in 1919 (valued at \$103,000,000) was estimated as follows: Cattle, 256,000; swine, 762,000; sheep, 1,820,000; dairy cows, 113,600; horses, 94,000; mules, 7000; goats, 170,000. A steadily increasing number of these animals are registered, pedigreed stock, for the Oregon farmer has learned that "scrub animals" are a poor investment.

AGRICULTURAL FAIRS AND LIVESTOCK SHOWS, of which there are already twenty scheduled for this year, and the well-organized boys' and girls' Livestock Clubs throughout the State, are big factors in the increasing quality of the herds. They deserve great credit for the work they are accomplishing.

THE PORTLAND UNION STOCK YARDS are the biggest and best equipped stockyards in the Northwest. They provide a free, open trading place, where any man who has animals to sell, can offer and sell them in the open market, or employ another to sell them for him. This service has been of great help to the stock-raiser in marketing his animals, approximately one-third of Oregon's livestock being sold through the Portland Union Stock Yards. Shipments are also received from all points in the Northwest, and some from as far distant as Southern California.

PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT of the year in the livestock industry of the Pacific Northwest, is the reorganization of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, and the erection of their permanent buildings at North Portland. These buildings, costing approximately \$300,000, were made possible by donations from banks, farmers, and public-spirited citizens of the Northwest.

NATURAL CONDITIONS, good marketing facilities, the steady improvement in the quality of the animal population, and the keen interest shown in the agricultural fairs and stock shows, all indicate progress in the livestock industry that assures a Greater Oregon.

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