

IDAHO'S ATTENTION IS CENTERED ON PIERCE

New Governor's Appointments Causing Speculation.

FIGHT ON POLICE LIKELY

North in Favor of State Constabulary While South is Against It and Would Abolish It.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The selection of Governor-elect Moore's cabinet and the organization of the next legislature are the two important issues politically in Idaho.

Governor-elect Moore has virtually established himself in Boise, and is acting as governor. Governor Davis having gone to the governor's conference and to Washington on an official trip. This is affording Governor-elect Moore an opportunity to get into closer touch with state affairs. He is making the best of it, sitting in on boards, inspecting departments and arranging where he can curb and eliminate to put into force and effect his programme of economy.

From all that can be learned, Mr. Moore is going to be a residential governor and not a movable or portable one, that is to say, junkets and side trips are not going to be out of the state are not going to be on the programme.

It is understood that he is going to insist upon the same policy for the heads of every state department and others.

Many Officials Travelers.

This has not been the policy heretofore. Governor and heads of departments have been extensive travelers, until at some point there has hardly been an executive of a single department in the state house.

Executive appointments have not as yet been considered, according to Mr. Moore. It is very unlikely they will be for some time, for few, if any, decisions can be reached before the legislature meets, he indicated.

"I want to give very careful consideration to the matter of appointments," he said. "The programme of retrenchment and economy we intend to push will affect the subject in no small degree. We want to trim in every department possible, in keeping with the reduced amount of state work to be done. At this time there is no telling what the legislature will do toward this end, and naturally places cannot be filled until we know what the appointments will be required to do."

Even this early it is apparent that there is going to be a hard fight made to save the state constabulary to the abolition of which the republican party is pledged by the Wallace platform. The north wants the constabulary maintained. The mine owners believe that the state would make a mistake to abolish the state police department, which may be needed at any time to quell labor disorders.

South Against Police.

The south is quite generally against the police and probably will be inclined toward carrying out the party plank, but many souls will be found indifferent.

Among the old members in the house is M. I. Kiger of Kootenai county. Kiger was speaker of the house four years ago. He has served several terms in the legislature and is probably the most experienced man from a parliamentary standpoint in the assembly. He offers the best speakership material and while no definite announcement has been made regarding his candidacy it is being taken for granted that he will become a candidate and that in all probability he will be the next speaker.

NATIONAL GUARD LAGS

SHORTAGE OF FUNDS KEEPS ORGANIZATION WEAK.

Chief of Military Bureau Says

Citizen Soldiers Is Fully Year Behind Programme.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Lack of funds has thrown the national guard "one year behind in the development required by congress itself," Major-General George C. Rickards, chief of the militia bureau, declared today in his annual report.

This retardation will be continued during the fiscal year 1923, as insufficient funds were provided for that period," General Rickards added. "This is regrettable in view of the country-wide acceptance of the national guard idea by the American citizenship. Even in the present incomplete state of the national guard development, there are now more than 2500 company units or the equivalent thereof being maintained in 1250 towns and cities throughout the country. These local organizations range in size from a single group of 40 in a village to a national guard garrison of 13,000 in New York city and Brooklyn.

"The national guard has the support of the American people. To complete its organization is simply a matter of money."

General Rickards said the militia bureau looked forward to early completion of "not less than five infantry divisions and one cavalry division, in addition to the two infantry divisions already federally organized." The 27th (New York) division is federally recognized throughout, he said, while the 28th (Pennsylvania) division is "complete except for the air service." The other 16 divisions of the 18th infantry division plan range from 35 per cent complete in the 37th (Ohio) to 40 per cent in the 40th (California, Utah and Nevada) division. The four cavalry divisions range from 16 per cent complete for the 21st (New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island) to 50 per cent for the 24th (Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming) division.

The progress to be made during the coming year, General Rickards said, depended upon the ability of state authorities to furnish suitable armories, as well as upon federal funds. Regarding the co-operation

of the war department in national guard development he said: "The need for harmonious co-operation between the two services is generally recognized, and the policy adopted toward the national guard by the war department will, it is believed, achieve the desired results. The two great hindrances to a proper and speedy development of the national guard are lack of sufficient funds and of regular army personnel for duty as instructors. When these two deficiencies shall have been corrected the orderly development and future success of that element of the national defense will be assured."

General Rickards added that after a year as the first national guard officer to be chief of the militia bureau "it is most gratifying to be

ALBERT PIKE LODGE OF MASONS ELECTS.



Herbert J. Wiltshire, W. M., of the Oregonian mechanical forces was elected worshipful master of Albert Pike lodge, A. F. and A. M., Friday night at a largely attended meeting. Other officers elected were: Senior warden, H. P. Coffin; junior warden, George T. Brown; treasurer, C. C. Van Gorder; secretary, George W. Cook; chaplain, C. S. Brainerd; senior deacon, T. L. Winters; junior deacon, A. F. Douglas; senior steward, L. P. Hewitt; junior steward, E. L. McKalsom; Tyler, Albert Sunderland.

able to testify to the earnest and constructive co-operation of all elements of the war department or the guard in the defense problem. "I am frank to say," he continued, "that I believe even more firmly than ever in the soundness of the national guard idea. The United States cannot have a well-developed guard service fully trained and equipped to take the field and at the same time escape the payment of the \$50,000,000 a year that such a completely organized force would probably cost. One must come inevitably to the conclusion that recently adopted measures of economy with regard to the national guard are of doubtful value and are not in accordance with the desires of the citizens of the United States."

OIL BUILDS SKYSCRAPER

PALACE OF MEDIEVAL ITALY COPIED IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Great Gray Office Building, 22 Stories High, to House Offices of Standard Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—A great gray office building, 22 stories high, has just taken from other downtown skyscrapers the dominating place on the San Francisco skyline.

The building—a huge monument to California oil—was constructed by the Standard Oil Company of California, and will house the firm's head offices here.

Architects describe the new structure as a palace of medieval Florence set down in modern California and the finest of the finest office buildings west of Chicago.

Down in the cornerstone repose 130 typewritten sheets, containing the names of 16,000 men and women employed by the company. Of these 11,000 are Standard Oil stockholders.

The area of the structure is 23,325 square feet, with a frontage of 137 feet on Bush street and 206 feet on Sansome street. The total floor area is 4,500,000 square feet. The building weighs 26,245,000 pounds and there are 12,000,000 pounds of steel in it. The largest number of men employed at one time was 450.

The entrance lobby, not completed, will be finished in marble and bronze, with nine 50-passenger capacity elevators. Granite and terra cotta compose the outer surface.

The 20th story is peculiar in that it consists of a massive cornice, taking up the entire floor, with windows concealed so as to effect the Florentine castle that suggested the design. Above this cornice or battlement rises a classic facade two stories high, with Ionic columns.

Various departments of the company will at once occupy all but five stories of the new structure, being moved from the old 12-story Standard Oil building near by.

Newspaper Man Heads Lodge.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Helmel lodge, Knights of Pythias, of this city has elected Elmer Maxey, a local newspaper man, as chancellor commander. Other officers are as follows: Cecil Henderson, vice-chancellor; A. E. Brigham, preacher; A. G. Brenner, master of work; Thomas W. Munroe, keeper of records and seal; R. Claude Gray, master of finance; Darwin Moran, master of exchequer; Emory D. Laike, master of arms; A. Walruff, inner guard; E. G. Cleverdon, outer guard; and O. H. Jones, trustee.

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COMPENSATION ACT PROMISES BATTLE

Attack on Law in Legislature Expected.

LABOR OPPOSES CHANGE

Private Insurance Companies Desire Chance to Write Some of Employers' Policies.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—With the members of the Oregon Federation of Labor united in favor of a compulsory workmen's compensation act, many operators opposed to such a law, and a dozen or more casualty insurance corporations seeking to furnish protection for the Oregon workers, there are indications that a spirited three-cornered fight will be precipitated during the next session of the legislature.

Letters received at the offices of the state industrial accident commission during the last few days have furnished conclusive evidence that not a few operators of the state are not in sympathy with the present workmen's compensation law, and are doubly opposed to the enactment of legislation which will make this insurance compulsory. Many of these operators desire to carry their own insurance, and in some instances there have been overtures to the effect that compensation should not be allowed workers during the first seven days of their incapacitation.

Other operators, who apparently are in sympathy with the casualty insurance corporations, have expressed the opinion that private corporations should be allowed to write this insurance when agreeable to the employer. It was said that the casualty insurance companies will make a fight at the next session of the legislature to bring about this concession.

The Oregon Federation of Labor, on the other hand, does not propose to have the legislature scuttle the present workmen's compensation act, nor pass any legislation that will weaken its operation. Labor, as a whole, favors the compulsory workmen's compensation act and probably will have a bill providing for such a law when the legislature convenes.

As a preliminary to the course outlined by labor with relation to more security for the workers, the state federation of labor in convention here last September adopted a resolution favoring the compulsory workmen's compensation law.

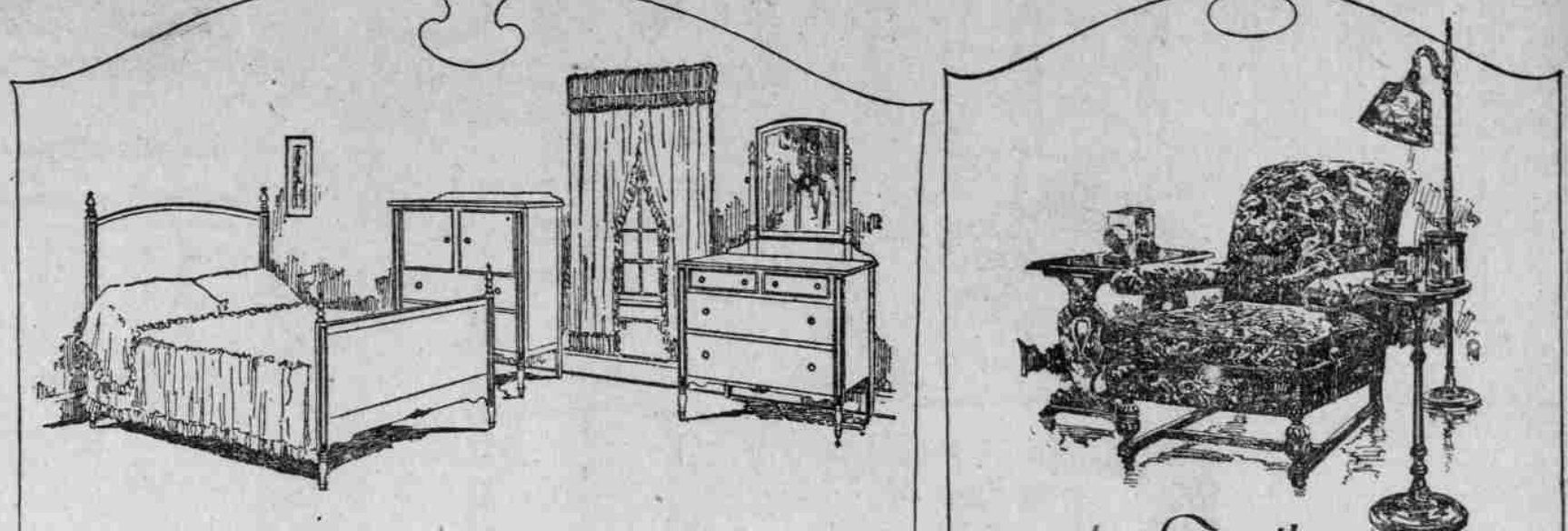
"We will resist any attempt to weaken the present compensation law or extend to insurance or casualty companies the right to provide compensation under the act," read the resolution. "We will secure, if possible, the enactment of a compulsory workmen's compensation law, if the legislature fails to take this action, then a committee will take the necessary steps to initiate amendments and submit them to the people of the state for amendment."

Copies of this resolution were sent by the Oregon Federation of Labor to all affiliated bodies for consideration.

Members of the state industrial accident commission, in a statement today, said that while many operators apparently favored doing away with the present workmen's compensation law, or withdrawing its teeth by means of amendments, other industries are satisfied with the operation of the law, and believe that it would be continued in force.

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