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RESIGNATIONS ARE IN ORDER STATE HIGHWAY

Others Will Likely Resign; Senatorial Fight Opens Under Peculiar Conditions; Hall Slat ed for Commission.

Governor-Elect Pierce Takes Position at State Institution Heads Should Resign; Wants Free Hand.

It has been announced in semi-official form that all three members of the state highway commission will tender their resignations, to take effect January 1, or as soon as the then Governor Pierce can or will accept them.

Within a few days after the result of the voting was known the members of the board decided that under all the circumstances it was up to them to quit. The result is that they wrote out their resignations without delay, and Mr. Pierce is at liberty to appoint new men the day he goes into office. This means that the threatened investigation of the department, which has been the talk of the state since election, will have little if any effect. Mr. Pierce will be able to put into force his reforms without the delay incident to getting the old commissioners out of office.

Interest in this matter will be keenest in those counties that have uncompleted highway programs, and there will be a rush to get contracts let before the men now in office go out. Just what attitude the commissioners will take is at question, but rumor has it that they are disposed to let all the pending contracts and so far as possible go out of office with a clean slate. In most cases the action to be taken has long been agreed upon, but there is an important matter pending in Polk County, there being about fourteen miles of pavement to lay to complete the west side highway. This has been due to Polk county having a county court that antagonized the commission. At the recent election those favoring acting in harmony with the commission prevailed, winning by a big majority. It is believed that it will be possible to have the contracts let for this paving before the present highway commission goes out of office.

Rumors Specify in Some Cases.

So many rumors were circulated during and following the election concerning the highway commission that it would be useless to attempt to verify them all, and their narration would prove tiresome, but it remains a fact that the claims of extravagance of this department had much to do with the outcome of the election. It was claimed, for instance, that all employees of the department are overpaid, and that in nearly all cases the contractors were paid more for the completion of their work than their contract price called for.

Stories related about the effect that contractors, finding that they were going to lose money, appealed to members of the board and were allowed huge extras; that roads built through sections requiring little grading cost much more than the contract price and that in fact the commission spent money with a reckless hand. Even before the voters were polled it was said that Mr. Pierce stood pledged to an investigation of the charges, and that if he found them well founded would proceed to remove the highway commissioners and put in new men.

These rumors of charges have gone to the point where there are many voters who would like to know the truth. The mere resignation of the commissioners in office will not enlighten those who would like to know. If Mr. Pierce and his supporters really believe in the charges made it would

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CIRCUIT COURT TO HOLD SHORT TERM STARTING FRIDAY

County Clerk Gildersleeve Receives Word from Judge Skipworth That Siletz Railroad and Title & Trust Cases to be Heard.

County Clerk Carl Gildersleeve received a communication Saturday from Judge Skipworth of the Circuit court, stating that a short term of the court will be held here commencing tomorrow, Friday morning, at 9:30 at the county court house.

The judge stated that the receivership case of the Siletz Railroad Co. and the case entitled "Title & Trust Co. vs Yaquina Harbor Lumber Co." will be heard. The county clerk is under the impression that other cases will be heard also.

All attorneys of the county interested in the cases at court have been notified.



COLLEGE HAS NEW SYSTEM CLEARING LAND OF STUMPAGE

Demonstration at Oregon Livestock Exposition Proves New Method to be Valuable Asset for Logged-off Sections.

Oregon Agricultural College, Nov. 21—A new stump burner method of land clearing was shown in the Oregon Agricultural college display at the Pacific International livestock exposition in Portland last week. A huge stump with its complicated root system, appliances, and explanations of the method were on exhibit. This method has been under investigation by the Oregon experiment station for the past seven years. Many visitors inspected the exhibit and the many questions asked have shown the interest aroused.

The stump exhibit showed the massive root system usually hidden below ground, and the methods of applying the Zysset burner in destroying the stump and roots complete. A series of illuminated photographic transparencies showed each step in the process and the conclusions of the experiment station regarding the cost and practicability of the method. H. D. Scudder, professor of farm management at Oregon Agricultural college, prepared the exhibit and has conducted the investigations of the method.

"The stump alone weighs nearly 4000 pounds and is typical of these found on thousands of acres of agricultural land in the Pacific northwest, which now may be successfully cleared with this new burner method," says Professor Scudder.

George W. Cable, of the O. A. C. extension service, will start some time this month to demonstrate the new method in the stump land counties of Oregon.

MISS IRENE ALTREE WINS HONOR IN RECITAL

Miss Irene Altree of this city played before the faculty of the school of music at Philomath college last Thursday afternoon with marked success according to a report from the college. She also appeared on the weekly recital program the same evening winning second place in the contest for a number on the commencement program in June. Other Toledo students will appear on the program at the college from time to time during the year.

The selection played by Miss Altree was "The Robin's Departure," by Fisher.

LEWIS GETS RIGHT TO OPEN OYSTERBEDS, YAQUINA BAY

George Lewis of Yaquina, passed through Toledo on Tuesday's train on his way home from Portland, where he has been in attendance with the Oregon Fish Commission. Mr. Lewis is chairman of the Oystermen's and Fishermen's club of Lincoln county. A short time ago the Fish Commission saw fit to close the natural oyster beds of Yaquina Bay. Mr. Lewis was sent to cry and have them reopened which he is reported to have been successful in doing. The public oyster beds will be open until further notice as a result of his efforts.

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET PORTLAND JAN. 5

Delegates From all Commercial Bodies to Gather at Rose City Meeting; Plan Big Oregon Development Campaign.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 20th—January 5th has been selected as the date of the annual meeting of Oregon state Chamber of Commerce, according to an announcement by State Chamber officials today. Delegates from every commercial organization of the state will gather in Portland on that date for discussion of development plans and for the election of State Chamber officers for the ensuing year.

The outstanding feature of the annual meeting will be consideration of the state-wide development program proposed by the Oregon development board. This program has already been adopted by the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the campaign to raise a fund of \$300,000 for development and advertising purposes for a two-year period will be under way on December 5th.

While this \$300,000 development fund will be raised entirely among the business interests of Portland, it will be expended in advertising the resources of Oregon, investigating and strengthening existing marketing organizations, land settlement and other state development work. As the State Chamber has been designated as one of the organizations to undertake the actual work proposed under the development plan, it is expected that the coming Annual Meeting will be one of the most important in the history of the organization.

According to the by-laws of the State Chamber, all commercial organizations in good standing are entitled to representation. Invitations are being sent throughout the state urging such organizations to appoint their delegates so that each section of the state will have a voice in the proceedings of the annual meeting.

GRANGERS TO MEET IN TOLEDO DEC. 9

Arrangements for Entertaining State Organization at Newport Next Year Main Topic of Discussion.

A meeting of the Toledo and Pomona granges to be held in the county seat on Saturday, December 9, is claimed by the officers of the two organizations to be the most important meeting of its kind ever held in the county. It is expected that every grange in the county will have representatives at this meeting due to the fact that arrangements for the entertainment of the state organization which holds its annual convention at Newport next May will be planned at this meeting. State Master Spence will be present at the meeting here in December. It is hoped that delegates from every organization in the county will attend the meeting here.

S. T. Loudon, master of the Pomona grange, was in Toledo Wednesday on a business mission connected with grange work.

LOCAL CREAMERY SCORES HIGH IN MAKING BUTTER

In Competition With Other Creameries of State Local Institution Makes Excellent Showing.

That Toledo made creamery butter is of the best to be had on the market in the state of Oregon was demonstrated at the 15th Annual Convention of the Oregon Buttermakers association held in Portland on November 8 and 9. The local creamery received a perfect score with the exception of one instance and that is a minor fault that can be easily corrected. The highest score received at the convention for quality buttermaking was received by T. M. Burghum of Portland getting a grade of 95 per cent perfect. The Toledo creamery received a grade of 93 per cent. Two other creameries were in between the mentioned grades—V. M. Collins of Albany received 94 3/4 and Fritz Kuecht of Portland received a grade of 94 1/2. The Corvallis creamery was fifth with a grade of 90 per cent.

J. Swearingen, manager of the local concern, is proud of this record and well he should be. Lincoln county people can well afford to demand this local product and know they are getting quality for their money.

The score sheet of the local creamery was as follows:
Flavor—possible 45 per cent 38
Body—possible 25 per cent 25
Color—possible 15 per cent 15
Salt—possible 10 per cent 10
Package—possible 5 per cent 5
..... 93

The score was perfect in cleanliness.

Mr. Swearingen attended the convention in person.

COLVIN'S STORE CATCHES FIRE EARLY SATURDAY

The shrill whistle of the fire "siren" aroused a considerable part of Toledo's population at about 2 a. m. last Saturday morning when a fire was discovered on the roof of the Colvin's general merchandise store located on the water front near the Toledo hotel. A grand rush was made to the fire hall by several promising firemen and an attempt made to get the city's fire apparatus into action but, it is reported, they became stuck in the mud and before they reached the scene of the fire Mr. Colvin had "skirted" the building in his "nightie" and had the blaze under control. Reports also have it that the volunteer firemen became lost in the darkness as the lights had "ceased to glimmer."

The fire was caused by the "burning out" of a sooty chimney.

Night watchman, Fred Taylor discovered the fire.

SHERIFF-ELECT TO SOON BECOME CITIZEN TOLEDO

Sheriff elect G. H. Horsfall of Norton's was a Toledo business visitor Monday. Mr. Horsfall is endeavoring to find a place to live in the county seat and will move his family here "bag and baggage" to make his future home. He has rented his farm at Norton's to his son-in-law.

LOAN LIMIT MUST BE RAISED TO SAVE FARMERS OF WEST

Farm Bureau Federation Finds That Agriculturists Are in No Condition to Liquidate Debts March 1st.

Written Specially for the Leader. By ROBERT FULLER.

Chicago, Nov. 21—A wholesale bankruptcy among Midwest farmers threatens on March 1st, 1923, unless immediate steps are taken to provide machinery for advancing a long time credit to agriculture.

Whatever happens on March 1st, it cannot be a liquidation of present debts, according to a statement just issued by H. W. Moorhouse, director of the Research Department of the American Farm Bureau Federation. A new credit arrangement will save farmers from bankruptcy and permit a refunding.

Mr. Moorhouse points out that the total farm mortgage debt is now estimated to be around \$8,000,000,000. This represents an increase of 132 per cent since 1910. The biggest volume of loans is in Iowa. Fifty-eight per cent of the loans are outstanding in the twelve East North-Central and west North-central states.

A great part of these loans are in the form of five year mortgages and were taken out during the early days of the war in order to make possible the necessary expansion to meet increased food requirements for the armies.

In discussing the present credit system, Mr. Moorhouse's report shows that the Federal Farm Loan System has served very effectively in financing small land farmers. Federal Land Banks at present can loan but \$10,000 to one person. "This limitation bars farmers operating the most economical farm units in the greatest food producing areas in the United States. The Federal Farm Loan act does not limit the amount of the loan that can be made by the Joint Land Banks, but the Federal Farm Loan Board has imposed the limitation of \$10,000.

"The Federal Farm Loan system provides for loans on farm land for a maximum period of forty years and for the payment of the loan on the installment basis spread over the entire loan period. The initial stock of the twelve Federal Land Banks was supplied in the first instance by the United States government, but has gradually been purchased by the borrowers from the banks until the amount of stock owned by the Government is about one-eighth or \$4,000,000 of \$32,000,000."

Mr. Moorhouse emphasizes the necessity for passing legislation which will remove the \$10,000 loan limit from the Federal Farm Loan Banks. "With the removal of this limit farmers can make their loans through this agency and will be able to refinance their business. On a total indebtedness of \$8,000,000,000 the farmers are paying an average yearly interest of 7 1/2 per cent. They are paying in interest \$600,000,000 a year. With the \$10,000 loan limit removed from Federal Land Banks and farmer loans transferred to this agency there would be a saving in interest rates alone of over \$200,000,000 a year."

EX-SISTER LUCRETIA CONDEMNS CATHOLICS IN LECTURE HERE

Ex-Sister Lucretia, alleged to have served 31 years as a nun in Catholic institutions of Portland, Ore., spoke to a crowded house in the Methodist church here Tuesday evening. It is estimated that 250 persons heard the lecture. The meeting was for men only. The house was crowded at 7:30 and at the scheduled time for the speaking to start every available space was taken up, many being compelled to stand throughout the lecture.

The "ex-sister's" talk was a denunciation of Catholicism in all its workings. She claimed to have proof for all her statements and defied those who opposed her to prove that she is at fault in her statements. She ended her talk by urging support of the Ku Klux Klan and Orangemen as remedies for the "menace."

MUST RECEIVE PERMIT FROM "CITY DADS" TO BUILD IN TOLEDO NOW

According to an ordinance passed by the city dads at their meeting Monday evening it is necessary that anyone wishing to construct any kind of a building within the city limits must first receive a permit from the council.

The present administration are endeavoring to get all city business in excellent shape to turn over to the new administration when it takes oath of office on the second Monday in January. Other than the regular routine of business, and the passage of the building permit ordinance, nothing of consequence transpired at the meeting.

PIERCE ASKED TO APPOINT COAST MAN HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Governor-Elect Urged by Commercial Organizations and Roosevelt Highway Assn. to Give Coast Representation.

At a meeting of the following delegates from the Roosevelt Highway association and from various commercial organizations of the coast counties held at Portland, Oregon, Sunday, November 19th, among other business transacted a resolution was passed asking Governor-elect Walter Pierce, when naming the state highway commission to appoint one commissioner from the west coast counties. Lincoln county was well represented at the meeting. The counties and the men who represented them are as follows: Clatsop county—J. Cornelious, A. W. Norblad, Fred Johnson, John Frey, J. M. Mott, J. E. Roman.

Tillamook county—Holla Watson, H. H. Rosenberg, J. M. Smith, W. Wallace, David Kuratli, C. J. Edwards. Lincoln county—B. F. Jones, G. R. Dickenson, Peter Frederick, O. E. Franke, Lester Martin, O. W. Peterson, William Elsworth. Lane county—Mrs. Fred Assenheimer, J. W. Kyle. Douglas county—Fred Assenheimer. Coos county—John C. Kendall, C. W. Parker.

Curry county—Col. B. K. Lawson. Columbia county—Charles D. White, Lester Seeley. Polk County—J. Hirsburg.

The resolution asking Mr. Pierce to appoint a coast man on the highway commission reads as follows: Hon. Walter M. Pierce, Governor-elect, LaGrande, Oregon.

At a meeting held this evening at the Imperial Hotel of twenty-eight persons, selected to represent the industrial and commercial interests of all the Oregon Coast counties. A resolution was unanimously adopted that we earnestly request you as the governor-elect to name an actual resident of one of the Coast counties as a member of the new Oregon State Highway commission to be appointed by you, and that we suggest that you advise us if possible if we may hope that our request will meet with your approval.

Signed,
C. A. NORBLAD, Chairman.
EDNA ASSENHEIMER, Secy.

TOLEDO BOOMS, SO LIVING COSTS, SAY VISITORS OF ALBANY

Mrs. E. S. Geer and Mrs. Wilma Long Tell Albany Paper of Rapid Strides Being Made by Lincoln County Seat.

Toledo and the entire scope of country in which the employes of the several-million dollar logging and lumbering corporation are active are booming unbelievable, for those who have not seen such sudden growth. Costs of living are mounting rapidly there as they do in all booming fields.

Such is the report brought back by Miss Edna Geer, Linn schools superintendent, and Mrs. Wilmer Long, her daughter, also of this city, who spent the Armistice week end in Toledo with their husbands. E. S. Geer and Mrs. Long are both employed as carpenters with the Hoover and McNeal construction firm and report much building going forward.

Crews are installing machinery in the mill and completing sections of it, while the part that is running saws about 200,000 feet of lumber daily, according to reports. The mill will saw about 600,000 feet daily when running a capacity on completion, it is understood.

This city, like most boom towns shows some queer contrasts. In parts of Toledo, the conveniences are most rudimentary with water to be carried far, deep mud just off the planking streets and sidewalks, poor electric lighting or oil lamps only. Compared with these are the modern, water-piped, electrified, furnace heated, hardwood-floored comforts of many homes in the logging camps for corporation executives and overseers.

The Lincoln county courthouse shows this difference, being a rather old and unpretentious building. The offices in it will probably not be adequate for the work of the county officials, if the boom continues to bring in population, it is thought.—Albany Herald.

LEADER WILL BE ISSUED WED. OF NEXT WEEK

Owing to the fact that Thanksgiving day comes on next Thursday, November 30, the Leader will be published on Wednesday, the day previous. The Leader office will be closed all day Thanksgiving Day. Advertisers who wish to have an ad in this issue will be compelled to get their copy in Tuesday evening before 6 o'clock to insure publication.