

MAY TRY TO SHELVE MATTER

Bill May Apply Only to
Future Offices.

Reference to State Printer of Value
in Settling the Con-
troversy.

It is said now that there may be an attempt to shelve the flat salary matter, and to pass a bill that will apply only to officers that may be elected four years hence. A prominent member of the Legislature informs The Journal that such a measure is in process of formation and that it will be presented to the session of the Legislature in January. He said:

"It is pleaded that to attempt to apply the flat salary law to the officers elected last June will fail, and that it will be possible only to apply it to the officers to be elected four years hence. The claim is made that it will not be possible to pass a measure at this session to make the flat salary law effectively apply to the officers coming in at the first of the year."

Since the governor issued his statement refusing to call the extra session of the Legislature, all matters pertaining to legislation, of course, are passed up to the regular session. That session will be convened January 10. The state printer will have begun his new term, and there is a provision in the state constitution that says: "The compensation of the state printer shall not be reduced during the term for which he shall have been elected."

So that, in reference to the state printer, the only manner in which his compensation may be reduced is probably to induce the Legislature to authorize a less amount of printing than has been the custom. This was the suggestion of Gov. Geer in his recent statement. It is not believed that there is much in the suggestion. State printers usually have strong pulls with legislators, and seldom fail to work through measures that provide for immense quantities of printing at the expense of the tax-payers.

DEMOCRATS TO PRESERVE AUTONOMY.

It is probable that Democrats in the Legislature will preserve their party autonomy and vote for C. E. S. Wood for the United States Senate. He was the regular nominee at the state convention, and received the party vote throughout the state.

There is a disposition to raise the question as to the advisability of Democrats voting for some Republican candidate. In the event a deadlock exists. When this proposition comes up, it is not uncommon to hear cited the history of senatorial elections in the past, when Democrats have voted for Republicans, and Democrats are prone to contend that their party has been disgraced ever since. Most members of that school of political faith insist that their representatives in the Legislature refrain from voting for any Republican candidate, throwing the responsibility for electing a Senator upon the majority party. The situation was thus stated by a Democratic legislator:

"When the Democrats have voted for Republican senatorial candidates there have been always afterwards Democrats and, for instance, Mitchell Democrats. Instead of a party of Democrats that stood together with the needed loyalty to maintain a compact organization, I believe in our Democratic legislative representatives leaving the election of a United States Senator to the Republicans, who have a majority and are able therefore to effect an election. Let them be responsible for a deadlock, if there be one. And I would not be surprised if there were a deadlock."

HONOR CAMBON.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew and James H. Hyde will be the guests at a notable dinner at Sherry's tonight in honor of M. Jules Cambon, the retiring French ambassador. A number of members of Congress, the governors of several states and other men prominent in public affairs have accepted invitations to be present.

YOUNG ROOSEVELT O. K.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—No apprehension is felt for young Roosevelt. Stories of his illness were exaggerated. The family say it is simply necessary to rest his eyes. He will be back to Groton in a week.

PASSION PLAY IN SAND BELT

F. Oppen, Cartoonist, as
a Lover.

Chic Fifi Frico Also Perform
Leading Role on Pasco
Platform.

(Journal Special Service.)
PASCO, Nov. 15.—As the metropolis of the sand belt, the abiding place of hold-ups and the paradise of "Wandering Willie," Pasco has long sustained a reputation. Cranky mothers scare their fretful babes into dumb terror by a mention of its name, and North, West, East and South there is a standing reward for the man who can come through it without a curse. But though it is a place of oblation and reproach, that tender hearts may find pastime and Beau Cupid cast his darts within its boundaries has been proven. Pasco is just awakening to the celebrities it has housed within its gates, now that the celebrities are gone.

Occasional copies of the San Francisco Examiner and the New York Journal drift into these wind-swept wastes. They are seized upon and eagerly devoured with the eyes long grown tired of being "kept on Pasco." Yet when a big, handsome man grazed yearningly for an instant into the soulful eyes of a dainty bundle of femininity and snatched a hurried kiss before swinging himself upon the rear end of the east-bound passenger Wednesday morning, there was not a resident of this village who recognized F. Oppen, cartoonist and comic picture-maker of the most famous Sunday paper on the globe. There may have been one or two who realized that Fifi Frico was the woman in the case, for other members of the "Belle of New York" company were scattered about the platform, gouging the sleep from their eyes preparatory to taking the Walla Walla train. These latter paid no attention to Oppen. He is an old thing with the "Belle of New York," and has been seen in their society at odd times ever since the troupe took the road. But this time he was far from home.

TEARS AND SAND.

There may have been a tear in the eye of the chic little actress as she gazed after the disappearing dust cloud that marked the passing of her lover toward the effectiveness of the East, but she bravely turned her face toward the green fields of Walla Walla and if that tear fell it was swallowed up by the sifting sands and left no trace. Oppen went East, the dainty soubrette went West, and the routine of Pasco went on.

"Dip" Oppen left the office of the New York Journal two weeks ago for a vacation. He was going out to "look at some mines about Butte," he said. There were fairies in those mines. The petite Miss Fifi, with the rest of the New York Belles, was playing at Butte and Mr. Oppen's eyes had other business, when privileged to penetrate the smoke, than feasting upon the dull outline of smelter or of chute. When the Belles had ceased their razing in the mountains of Montana and the sweet Miss Fifi and her troupe moved onward, Oppen migrated also. He sat in a corner of the trains at Spokane and said sweet nothings to the lady of his hopes when she was not herself declaiming nothings to an appreciative audience. There was naught to tell the people banded in the auditorium one of the heart of a pretty creature was strung upon the lead pencil of the cartoonist. But F. Oppen's infatuation is no caricature of love. It is the real thing.

PRIVILEGES OF PASCO.

It was reserved for the black, sold and sandy Pasco to see the end. Tenderly the giant artist with the giant frame bade good-bye to the little lady with the large-sized reputation.

Too late the Pasco patriots awoke to the fact that greatness had been with them unawares, and that those who strive to make the world laugh and forget their sorrow, for a brief moment pulled aside the veil and allowed humanity to gaze deep down into unvarnished souls, and that Pasco, alone of all the world, has seen that which is not exposed to other eyes.

The Passion Play in the sand belt.

GEORGESON IS IN PORTLAND

The Government Special
Agent for Alaska

Talks on Agricultural Possibilities
of the Territory—Crops Mature
Far North.

Professor C. C. Georgeson, special agent of the United States Bureau of Agriculture, in Alaska, is in the city and will remain here for a couple of weeks.

In an interview with The Journal he said: "The main object of my mission in Alaska is to extend and continue the experiments which have been commenced by me, and to ascertain what the soil of Alaska is good for in an agricultural way. The main thing is to get people up there, which I have succeeded in doing. They have planted crops, the results of which have proven very much more satisfactory than any one dared to expect. Hardy grains and hardy vegetables of a superior quality grow in abundance. Cattle live there the year round."

"It may be possible to grow a great many other products that we have not yet tried. Crops have matured at Rampart, on the Yukon, in latitude 62½ degrees. Grain matures successfully every year at Sitka and Kenai Stations, the latter on the Kenai Peninsula."

"In my last year's annual report to the Government I stated the leading features of the Alaska investigations to have been the further clearing of land, the growing of crops, the opening of the station at Rampart, on the Yukon, the distribution of seed, and a reconnaissance of the region between Eagle, on the Yukon and Valdez, on Prince William Sound."

"In addition to these facts, I superintended the meteorological observations, as also the storm observing stations along the Alaska Coast."

EXPERIMENTAL CROPPINGS.

"The experimental croppings have been chiefly directed toward ascertaining what can best be grown in this climate, and how crops should be treated for the best results. By the distribution of small packages of seed grain to persons who seemed likely to undertake the work an effort has been made to have the common hardy cereals tested over as wide an area as possible. Garden seed and some flower seeds have also been distributed to about 500 persons in the territory, who either are or ought to be interested in the development of agriculture."

DRAINAGE IN ALASKA.

"In former reports I called the attention of the government to the necessity for thorough underdrainage of all low-lying ground and also to the fact that portions of the cleared land had been underdrained with brush drains; that is, the ditches were filled with small brush, carefully packed in at an angle, and in such a way as to leave interstices through which the water can pass. These drains have given satisfaction so far. Their durability is the only doubtful point."

IMPROVEMENT ON DRAIN.

"I believe we have discovered an improvement on the brush drain by the partial substitution of slabs for brush. Slabs are the first, or outside, cut of logs which are cut up for lumber in the sawmills. These slabs can be had very cheaply. They have been obtained in the past for 50 cents a load of about 25 pieces. When the bottom of the ditch is in firm ground, two slabs set on edge and leaned against each other in the form of an "A" will make a good conduit for the water. The two pieces are held securely together by a nail here and there where the two edges meet, and there will always be abundant openings for the water to get through. On top of this conduit are packed first, poles, and then coarse brush, and finally smaller brush, first sod and then earth. The materials cost but little for a drain of this kind; it is chiefly a matter of labor."

"When the bottom of the ditch is soft, two slabs are put together in the shape of a "V." In the middle of the ditch, and a third slab is nailed on top, so as to leave a triangular water passage. On top of this are packed poles and brush as before. I believe that this kind of drain will last for many years. Slabs can usually be procured from sawmills

everywhere, and as the mills multiply settlers can procure them in many instances near by the farms."

EXPERIMENTS AT SITKA.

"At the Sitka station we are experimenting in this manner, with the drainage of about two acres of peaty soil. The object is to see what the productivity of such a soil is when brought under culture. There are extensive areas of peat in Alaska, and it is important to know if such land has any agricultural value. In this instance it was found necessary to place the drains 15 feet apart."

MAIL FACILITIES.

In answer to a question as to the mail facilities in that section of Alaska, Prof. Georgeson said:

"The mail service at Kenai, and in general between Sitka and westward, has been very inadequate. Mail is carried between Sitka and Kenai only once a month, and the boat stops at Kenai only long enough to land the mail, so that it is impossible to get replies until the next mail boat. On the return trip East, the mail boat does not stop at either Kenai or Sitka. Letters addressed to the Kenai station cannot be answered for a month after their arrival, and then they are carried to Juneau and left to be

forwarded to Sitka by the next mail boat. It takes therefore, two months to get a reply from the Kenai station."

"It would be greatly to the convenience of our work if the mail boat could stop at Kenai on her return from Tyonek, and stop at Sitka on her way to Seattle."

PRAISES BELL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The report of Major-General Adna R. Chaffee has been made public at the War Department. It deals with conditions in the Army of the Philippines up until the time that Chaffee was relieved. After speaking of the health of the command and the good work of the men under trying conditions, General Chaffee warmly praised the excellent soldierly qualities of General Bell, who, by his indomitable will and sterling courage, has risen from the rank of major to a post of command and of honor. Chaffee says that Bell only adopted extreme measures when extreme measures were necessary. He protected his own men, and so conducted his campaigns that they were short and the suffering curtailed to the least possible duration of time.

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NEW SERVICE.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 15.—The Southern Pacific railroad today inaugurated a daily double transcontinental passenger service between this city and San Francisco. The Sunset Limited, heretofore running through three times a week dur-

ing the winter months, is now to be operated daily, and a new train has also been put on to run daily, known as the Golden Gate Express. The new service reduces the time between New Orleans and San Francisco about half a day.

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Groping Around in the Dark

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