

MUST HELP USE KNIFE ON NORMALS

**Governor Will Force
Republicans to Share
Responsibility of the
Weeding-Out**

**Senator Smith, Author of the Bill
for Two Schools Only, and a
Political Ally, Must Act as
Surgeons With the Board of
Education.**

Senator Smith of Marion and Speaker Davey of the same county will be accorded participation in the delicate task of amputating two of the four normal schools now in existence should the Smith bill, which passed the senate yesterday, be passed by the house and thus become a law.

Governor Chamberlain is not at this time inclined to veto the bill, provided it means simply that the selection of the two state normal schools shall be left to the board of education and the two special assistants provided by appointment by the governor.

"The bill is all right," said the governor today, "and should it pass the house I would appoint Senator Smith of Marion and one of his political friends to assist the board of education in deciding upon the two normals which are to be cut off the state list."

Smith to Field Knife. "Senator Smith," continued Governor Chamberlain, "is a man who possesses every qualification for the task of performing so delicate an operation. In the first place, he is the author of the bill providing that the state board of education shall do the work, assisted by two men of my appointment. Then he is a man who has made a study of the normal school question. He knows the conditions of the different schools, the work they have done, their equipment, the size and personnel of their faculties, and more than all, as chairman of the joint committee on ways and means has listened to and had guidance of all the discussion relating to the normal school question when appropriations for maintenance and betterments were being talked over. He is therefore, in my estimation, the man best fitted to sit in judgment on the normal schools of the state."

"I would also appoint some political friend of Senator Smith to assist him in his deliberations with the board," continued the governor. "In making the second appointment, I would of course make my choice from among those who were enthusiastic supporters of the Smith bill. It may be that it would be well to have the second man from among the house membership, in order to give both houses representation on the board. In that way both of my appointees will know the sentiment of the two houses and what stand the legislature in reality took on the Smith bill."

Battle on Floor Tuesday. The whole normal school fight will be thrashed out on the floor of the house Tuesday next, when the four appropriation bills reported by the ways and means committee and providing for the maintenance of all the normal schools will be brought up for consideration. Should the Smith bill be passed before the appropriation bills come up it would have great effect on the house and there would perhaps be no very bitter fight over the passage of the latter bills because the senate bill would take the burden off the shoulders of the legislature and throw it on the state board of education and the two special commissioners appointed by Governor Chamberlain under the terms of the bill.

Appropriation bills are now before the house recommending \$27,000 for Drain, \$25,000 for Weston, \$40,000 for Ashland and \$45,000 for Monmouth. Around these bills which have been made a special order for Tuesday will be waged the normal school war. The legislature is not particularly anxious to settle the differences and for that reason it is thought the Smith bill will be passed.

Share Responsibility. Both Smith of Marion, author of the bill and Davey, speaker of the house, are in favor of two normal schools. Both would like to see the onus of the task put upon Democratic shoulders and have therefore favored the plan outlined in the bill. Going on the presumption that the governor would of course appoint Democrats to bear the burden with him in following out the law, they thought to "put Chamberlain in the

hole" by forcing him to appoint two men to assist the state board of education in killing two of the schools. This would have made three men, one the governor and the other two his appointees, the majority of the commission, and the supposition was that the secretary of state and superintendent of instruction would by the same token be the minority and free from the contamination of the board's final action. The announcement of the governor regarding his appointments puts a new face on the question, however. It is understood that the governor will insist on Senator Smith and his colleague yet to be chosen, accepting places on the commission and will consent to no other appointments.

**LID GOES ON VERY TIGHT
INDEED AT TACOMA**
Mayor First Vetoes and Then
Proceeds to Enforce Lid
Legislation.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 9.—Now that the city council has passed an anti-saloons ordinance over his veto, Mayor George P. Wright has determined to enforce the laws governing the sale of liquor and saloons exactly as he finds them. The lid will be put on tighter than it has ever been in the history of Tacoma.

Saloons will be closed tight on Sundays. There will be no gambling of any kind. Even the slot machine will be a memory.

"I will enforce the law with all the power I possess," said he. "I will have the state laws and the city ordinances on regulating saloons printed and copies sent on every saloon. Just as soon as this is done these laws must be obeyed. I will ask for five additional policemen and if this number is not sufficient I will ask for five more. There are 140 places in Tacoma where liquors are sold and it will require more officers than we now have to cope with the situation. If it is necessary private detectives will be hired to watch saloons and see that the laws are complied with. I shall ask and hope to receive the aid of all private citizens interested in law enforcement. There will be no exceptions. Every saloon must close Sundays and every box, screen and partition must have to be torn out of saloons. Gambling of any kind will not be permitted. Councilmen have had favorites among the saloon men to whom they have pardoned, but I will soon develop that this administration has no favorites. It has been charged that the saloons of this city have a string on my administration. If there was ever a time that the saloons needed a string it is now and if they have they had better begin to pull it at once."

**BROTHER CHARGES CHESTER
WITH BEING INSANE**
Steps Then Taken to Forestall
Move to Put Slayer in
Penitentiary.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 9.—The defense in the Chester Thompson case has filed an affidavit signed by Chester alleging that he is being unlawfully held in the county jail and demanding an immediate trial on the charge filed against him by his brother Maurice of being insane. Judge Snell overruled the demand, following which action Judge Will H. Thompson, Chester's father, has appeared before the state supreme court and asked for a writ of mandamus compelling the court here to grant Chester an immediate trial on the charge of insanity.

Judge Thompson also asked for a writ of prohibition restraining Judge Snell from placing Chester on trial on the charge of being dangerous on account of insanity and asking for his incarceration in the state penitentiary, which was filed by Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh.

WOULD BE MAYOR OF CHICAGO

Many Candidates Seeking Nomination for First Four-Year Term as Executive.

**HARRISON AND DUNNE
LEAD DEMOCRATIC HOSTS**
On Account of Factional Fights
Among Opponents, Republicans
Hope for Success in Campaign
Which Is Under Way.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Feb. 9.—Former Mayor Carter H. Harrison, who has been spending the winter in Pasadena, is expected home within the next few days. On his arrival the majority campaign, which is expected to be one of the warmest that Chicago has seen in many years, will be on in full blast.

For the first time in the history of the city the next mayor is to be chosen for a term of four years. The lengthened tenure is in accordance with an act of the legislature. The next mayor, moreover, will be the first to administer the affairs of the city under a new charter.

The most interest in the campaign centers in the fight for the Democratic nomination. Mayor Dunne has formally announced himself a candidate for reelection on a platform of opposition to the street car franchise question.

Former Mayor Harrison, after considerable delay, has finally declared his willingness to be a candidate for the fifth time, thereby emulating the record of his father, the elder Carter Harrison, who served five terms of two years each. Friends of Harrison appear confident that he will win out in the Democratic primaries to be held two weeks hence. The Harrison crowd claim that the complications that have attended Mayor Dunne's course on the traction question have alienated many of his former followers.

A factor in the contest not to be overlooked is the Hearst independence league, which, though not strong enough to accomplish much of its own hook, still possesses sufficient influence to have an important bearing on the situation when it joins issues with one of the other Democratic factions. Just where its influence will be thrown in the present fight is not yet clear. There is much reason to believe that it will not be for Mayor Dunne to succeed himself. Neither have the Hearst followers much love for Harrison.

Factional Fight On. There are at least five factions among the Democrats and how the full power of the party can be concentrated on any one man either at the primary or at the election, seems a difficult question to answer.

Because of this situation among the Democrats the Republicans are more hopeful than for many years that they will be able to elect a mayor. This hope is shown by the number of Republican leaders who have expressed a willingness to accept the nomination.

The most likely candidate appears to be Fred A. Busse, present postmaster of Chicago and a political power in several city wards. Mr. Busse is an avowed candidate for the honor and many leaders of the party, especially those who have been known as politicians, have openly expressed their preference for him. Busse owes his appointment as postmaster to Senator Cullom, which fact does not tend to strengthen him in the favor of Governor Deneen and the state administration.

But this phase of the matter is not expected to cut such an important figure in the contest as it might have done a year or so ago.

Favor Revell's Nomination. There is growing evidence that the men who have been running the party machinery are not to be allowed to dictate the nomination for the mayoralty this time, regardless of the wishes of the business element of the city.

Many Republicans, especially those outside the lines of the professional politicians, are in favor of the nomination of Alexander H. Revell. Mr. Revell is a leading merchant, and while not an active politician, has always taken a prominent part in every movement, political or otherwise, that aimed for the welfare of Chicago. Mr. Revell while unwilling to make a personal fight either at the primaries or in the convention, is nevertheless regarded as a receptive candidate and such the expectation of Mr. Busse, the man most likely to receive the nomination.

**TRIUMPHANT DEBATORS
HONORED WITH BANNER**
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 9.—Quite a surprise was sprung at the regular meeting of the Phrenokosmian, one of the boys' literary societies, about young ladies of the institution, members of the Philhellenic society, filling into the room and their president, Miss Elodie Paddock, presenting the Phrenos with an enormous banner in the society colors, brown and green, in honor of their recent decisive victory over the combined forces of the Athenaeum and Libethrean. The two societies have always been the closest of friends.

**KELSO'S SHIPMENT OF
SMELT IN JANUARY**
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Kelso, Wash., Feb. 9.—During the month of January the shipments of smelt from Kelso by the Northern Pacific Express alone amounted to \$7,500 pounds. In addition to this as much more has been shipped by boat to Portland and other points, making a total of over 3,000 boxes for January. This shows that Kelso still holds first rank as a smelt shipping point. Just at present the high water in the Cowlitz has stopped all fishing.

PREVENT FIRE IN THE CAPITOL

**Recommendation Made That
Protective Measures Be
Taken Without Delay.**

**NEW SYSTEM OF
ELECTRIC WIRING NEEDED**
Salem Fire Chief Tells Committee
Tower in State Building Would
Act as Chimney and He Could Not
Halt the Flames.

"It is a certainty that the entire capitol building would be consumed should a fire start. We find upon investigation that the upper portion of the building is a veritable fire trap, and that there is no protection whatever with the facilities now installed."

This is part of the report on the condition of the statehouse made by the senate committee on public buildings and institutions. The report continues:

"No facilities for fighting fire can be provided except by the outlay of a very large amount of money, and the reconstruction of a large part of the attic. Inasmuch as the state carries no insurance, we deem it proper that every possible precaution looking toward the prevention of a fire be taken. We recommend that the electric wiring be inspected by a competent electrician, and changed so as to bring it within the requirements of the board of fire underwriters. This would be necessary should the state insure the building."

"We recommend the appropriation of a sufficient amount of money to carry out the recommendations of the fire chief, submitted herewith."

Fire Chief Mark Savage of Salem addressed a letter to the committee yesterday, in which he stated that a fire in the capitol building would be hard to fight on account of the dome in the center of the building, which would act as a huge chimney to draw the flames upward. He recommended that precautions against fire be taken as follows:

Establish an automatic fire alarm system; build fire walls running east and west on both sides of the tower; erect modern fire escapes on the north and south ends of the building; place standpipes at least four inches in diameter around the building; cut floors to the fire escapes; place a fireproof door at the head of the stairway leading to the tower. These suggestions were referred to the ways and means committee.

**MEN OF TACKS
AND NAILS TO MEET**
State Hardware Association Will
Hold Its Annual Session
Next Week.

Members of the State Hardware and Implement Dealers' association will hold their annual meeting in the chamber of commerce next Wednesday and Thursday, February 13 and 14. The meeting will be attended by hardware men and those associated in this line of business from all sections of the state and some important measures will be discussed and acted upon.

It is the intention of those arranging the program to occupy the day Wednesday with routine business and on Thursday numerous papers will be presented by members and others. Railroad rebates will be discussed and other subjects of interest both to the association and the public generally.

Thursday evening the tables will be spread for a banquet, at which H. J. Altner of Woodburn, president of the association, will preside. It is expected that the two-day meeting will be attended by several hundred members and others whose business is allied with hardware and implement manufacture and distribution.

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**MONEY FOR STATE HOME FOR
THE FEEBLE-MINDED**
Practically Certain That the Institution Will Be Founded
Within a Year.

An appropriation of \$100,000 for construction of buildings and purchase of grounds for a home for the feeble-minded and an additional \$10,000 for one year's maintenance has been reported by the ways and means committee of the house of representatives. The same committee from the senate concurs in the report and it is now practically certain that the home will be founded and construction of the building commenced as soon as a site can be picked out by the state board.

The appropriation of \$100,000 covers the estimated cost of the grounds and building, and inasmuch as the committee calculated that one year would elapse before the home would be ready to open, it was thought best to cut the maintenance appropriation from \$30,000 to \$10,000, thus giving funds for a time sufficient to carry the institution until the time of the 1909 legislature.

At the same meeting the committee decided to allow the Drain Normal school \$27,000, the Weston school \$25,000 and the Agricultural school \$150,000. These sums cover appropriations for maintenance alone, the committees at this time declining to provide for new buildings, new grounds or other betterments for any of the state schools and colleges.

GOVERNOR MAKES STRONG PROTEST

**Declares in Message That Repeal of Timber Act Will
Injure Oregon.**

**WOULD PUT TITLE IN
GOVERNMENT'S HANDS**
Governor Chamberlain in a special message to the legislature makes vigorous protest against the bill now before congress repealing the timber and stone act and providing that title to the land shall remain in the government and the timber be sold to the highest bidder.

The bill provides that the funds arising from this sale shall be turned into the reclamation fund after 25 per cent has been paid to the county in which the timber is located to reimburse it for taxes lost through the government ownership.

Governor Chamberlain points out that Oregon has in the past received practically none of the reclamation fund, the great bulk of it going to Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Montana, Idaho and other states. Under the proposed action of congress Oregon would therefore give practically 75 per cent of its timber to assist in the reclamation work of these states and would secure only the 25 per cent allowed for loss in taxes. He shows that already 11,689,848 acres of timber have been put in timber reserves within the state, which covers one fifth of the total area of the state. Under the law it will be impossible to forestall how much additional land will be withdrawn. In summing up he says:

"It is impossible to tell what great injustice may be done the state by this new act, and I suggest that a ringing protest be made by your distinguished body against the passage of any act by congress which will retain in the government title to the timber lands of the state, not already included within forest reserves."

"Whatever is done in the premises ought not to be done promptly, and Oregon ought not to submit longer to having the most valuable of its resources placed in such condition as not only to retard but absolutely to prevent the development of the state. If it is necessary to amend or repeal the timber and stone act to prevent fraud certainly some means can be adopted to give our people acting in good faith, title to lands situated within the state and subject to its jurisdiction."

Business Change at Chehalis.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chehalis, Wash., Feb. 8.—O. Brewer of Arlington, Washington, has purchased Nelson & Justesen's Chehalis creamery. The industry is one of Chehalis' very valuable concerns, turning out thousands of pounds of butter annually. Messrs. Nelson & Justesen will engage in business at Portland.

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