

BETTER GOVERNMENT AT FAR LESS COST

Plan by Colonel Hofer of Salem to Drop Needless Functions and Functionaries—Lighten Tax Burden, Yet Raise More Revenue.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Corvallis, Or., Jan. 18.—Before the Oregon Academy of Sciences and an assembly of the State Agricultural college, Colonel E. Hofer, of Salem, discussed a program for reformation of state government that was received with hearty applause. He made some demands for radical changes in the present system of collecting revenues and disbursing the same, and proposed a plan which if adopted would introduce some order into present chaotic legislative procedure.

Important Checks Lacking.
At present there is no check upon the expenditure of a legislature, regarding the referendum vote in the hands of the people. But that is exercised at a disadvantage, like locking the stable door after the horse is stolen. Colonel Hofer contended that the following checks should be applied in formulating a scientifically constructed program for state administration:

1. A committee or board to frame a budget of fixed charges which the legislature must follow.
2. A state board of control to make all purchases of supplies and disburse all funds of state institutions.
3. Limits on state and county levies.

State Board of Control.
At present heads of state institutions largely purchase their supplies and make up their own bills and payrolls. Each state institution has a purchasing agent, steward, or commissary and bookkeeper. The state officials audit and allow bills and expenditures authorized by themselves, paying their own audits.

A central state board of control, purchasing supplies for all state institutions in open competition, issuing such supplies only upon requisitions from the heads of the several institutions and approved by the board, with the supplies and bookkeeping and audit of all bills under their own control would make grafting great or small, almost impossible. That would introduce a system and economy, do away with a number of separate officials in the different institutions, relieve the state officials from the burdensome details of administration and leave them more time for consideration of better policies for the conduct of state government. Since boards save other states 25 to 30 per cent in revenues.

Limit State and County Levies.
Conforming to the methods of many other states, Oregon should offer no better inducement to investors and home-seekers than to limit state tax levies for a fixed maximum of one mill. On a state valuation of \$50,000,000, this would produce \$500,000 direct taxes annually, and with indirect taxes would furnish sufficient state revenues. At present many county taxes, aside from state taxes, are levied on property, roads and bridges. As counties are limited to a 5 per cent indebtedness, some limit should also be placed upon the levies for county administration. A maximum county tax should not be over 4 or 5 mills.

Committee to Frame Budget.
At present a legislature has no guide in making appropriations, but the secretary of state. These documents are not much needed. The general assembly is organized by local interests securing control of the committees on appropriations in both houses, and then the mad scramble begins. In place of this, a committee should be organized when it assembles. This could be prepared by a committee of one legislator and two representatives, one from each party, by the way, the error immediately after the June election, and have from June to January to complete their work, and make a careful examination into needs and conditions.

Budget of Fixed Charges.
Based upon the work of the last legislature, the following would be a fair and liberal estimate for a budget of fixed charges to submit to the next legislature. In the nature of governmental development there would be some items of extraordinary expense not enumerated below. The item of \$100,000 annually for three years for the purchase of locks and canal at Oregon City is contingent upon the national congress making a similar appropriation. The material of the portage railway at The Dalles is another, and should be turned over to the railroad commission and made to pay operating expenses. A law should be enacted requiring the appointment of such a budget committee. Both political parties should be recognized in its composition. It should be specially charged with the duty of finding means and methods to make as many departments of the government self-sustaining as possible, and to annually increase the state's revenues from indirect sources of taxation. The state's expenditures should be on some such basis as the following:

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL.
Arrest and conviction of criminals \$ 5,000
Fugitives from justice 7,000
Circuit judges 100,000
District attorneys 100,000
Supreme court 60,000
State law library 10,000

ADMINISTRATION.
State board of agriculture \$ 20,000
State board of horticulture 10,000
State board of health 12,000
Public printing and advertising 25,000
Library commission and historical society 20,000
Dairy and food commissioner 10,000

ELEPHANT CLODBURST, SPRINKLE OF DONKEYS
Members of G. O. P. Form 73 Per Cent of Voters Registered.

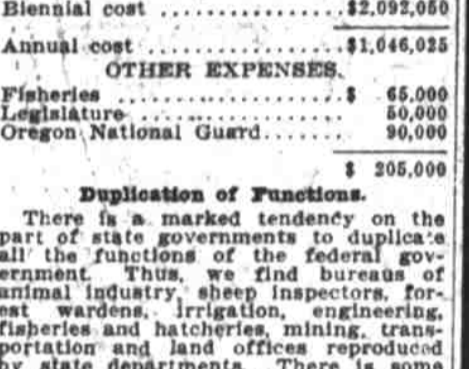
At the end of the second week of registration, 3,769 voters had had their names entered on the rolls. The number registered during the week ending yesterday was 1,631, against 1,528 the week previous, or a loss of 147. The daily average for the two weeks is 309. If this average is maintained during the remaining 11 weeks the total will be over 34,000, and this is about the figure estimated by the registration officers, as likely to be entered on the rolls previous to the holding of the primaries.

Those who have declared themselves Republicans aggregate about 73 per cent of the total, the remaining 27 per cent being divided between Democrats, Independents, Prohibitionists and Socialists. In figures, the totals are as follows: Republicans, 27,118; Democrats, 552; miscellaneous, 141.

Candidates for county offices are still busy about declaring themselves, and no

Miscellaneous	10,000
Executive department	13,500
Superintendent public instruction	11,000
Secretary of state	25,000
Treasurer and bank examiner	41,000
Public buildings, grounds and lights	67,500
	\$ 230,500
PENAL AND REFORMATORY.	
State prison	\$ 142,500
Reformatory school	68,000
	\$ 210,500
CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.	
Orphans, Foundations, etc.	\$ 72,000
Soldiers' home	23,500
	\$ 95,500
ELEEMOSYNARY INSTITUTIONS.	
Asylum for Deaf	\$ 467,000
Institute for Deaf Mutes	48,000
Institute for Blind	27,500
	\$ 542,500
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.	
Agricultural college	\$ 130,000
State university	95,000
Normal schools	120,000
Teachers' institutes	5,000
	\$ 350,000
SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTS.	
Judicial and legal	\$ 297,000
Administration	210,500
Penal and reformatory	210,500
Charitable	112,000
Eleemosynary	542,500
Educational	350,000
Military, legislative and clerical	205,000
	\$ 2,092,000
Biennial cost	\$ 4,184,000
Annual cost	\$ 1,046,000
OTHER EXPENSES.	
Fisheries	\$ 65,000
Legislature	50,000
Oregon National Guard	90,000
	\$ 205,000
Duplication of Functions.	
There is a marked tendency on the part of state governments to duplicate the functions of the federal government. Thus, we find bureaus of animal industry, sheep inspectors, forest wardens, irrigation, engineering, fisheries and hatcheries, mining, transportation and land offices reproduced by state departments. There is some necessity for this, but a state can wisely leave some of these fields to federal supervision.	
Taxation for Special Interests.	
It should be laid down as a fundamental principle that special interests and occupations seeking state regulation or protection should not burden the general taxpayer. For instance, sheep inspection was not wanted in the early days of the state, but wanting that protection, already afforded by the general government, should pay for the benefits derived. Swine inspection, fruit inspection, or any special service should be borne by that interest.	
The Legislature now appropriates about \$20,000 for some districts, including the Lake and Klamath county Agricultural societies. A general law should be passed for county agricultural societies, giving the state aid to county agricultural societies and livestock organizations in proportion as the people in the respective counties take annual membership, thus encouraging all parts of the state instead of favored localities.	
The legislature now appropriates \$5,990 for boatman at Astoria and pilot commissioners. This service should be made self-sustaining out of fees collected for pilotage or ports benefited. The Port of Portland commission or a general harbor commission should take over all this service and the regulation thereof.	
District attorneys and their deputies at present cost the state, in round figures, \$100,000. This expense would be reduced one-third by substituting the office of county attorney, with salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per annum. The district attorneys now maintain a deputy in each county, and the counties would save money paying this official direct.	
The bureau of labor statistics and inspector of factories and workshops should either be made self-sustaining, or its functions enlarged so as to include the duties of gathering statistics of production, making state census and irrigation commissioner. The fees collected for inspection of support the present office. A law should be enacted requiring the appointment of such a budget committee. Both political parties should be recognized in its composition. It should be specially charged with the duty of finding means and methods to make as many departments of the government self-sustaining as possible, and to annually increase the state's revenues from indirect sources of taxation. The state's expenditures should be on some such basis as the following:	

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Make thin faces plump.
Correct a flabby or withered skin.

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When other work is ordered.
Nervous people and those afflicted with heart weakness may have no fear whatever.

DR. P. L. AUSTIN

OPEN FIGHT ON SALOONS
Liquor License Committee Tomorrow Will Put 15 Saloonkeepers on Rack—Certain That Several Licenses Will Be Revoked.

Tomorrow's meeting of the liquor license committee of the city council will be the most important ever held by that body and 15 saloonkeepers will be asked to show cause why their licenses shall not be revoked for alleged improper management of their saloons. So far as known the city council has never revoked a saloon license, but a different result is expected to follow from tomorrow's meeting, which will be held at 3 o'clock.

Those who have been cited to appear for various offenses, some for selling liquors to minors and others for the most serious violations of the law. Several of the saloonkeepers are owners of dives that have been a cancer spot on the city for many years and it is believed the councilmen will show little mercy toward these men.

Large Crowd Expected.
So great has public interest been aroused in the efforts of the council to get rid of the offenders and drive them out of business that the largest crowd of citizens ever gathered at the city hall is expected to be on hand to attend the hearing. This feature is worthy of the city authorities in that the fear the council chamber where the inquiry is to be held will not be large enough to accommodate the throng.

Whoever action the committee may take in the matter of revoking the licenses, the council will have final action at Wednesday's meeting, and there is no way of telling what the council will do. Time and time again the committee has recommended to revoke saloon licenses, but when the matter came up for final disposition before the council, the members generally passed the license on to some other party, simply transferring the place from one owner to another equally bad.

Will Revoke Licenses.
However, public sentiment in the revoking of saloon licenses has been aroused so greatly in the past few weeks that it is believed the councilmen will not dare fly in the face of it in several of the cases coming up tomorrow. One of these is the Conboy saloon, in which E. F. Noland stated at a council meeting that his daughter had been lured away from her home. Noland's statement in the council meeting aroused great indignation, and Mayor Lane was forced to take a hand in the proceedings to keep the councilmen from indulging themselves in an excess display of virtue.

Emma Bacon, a 19-year-old girl who purchased liquor in the City Hall Cafe Thursday night, will be called upon to give her testimony before the committee tomorrow.

The following are those cited to appear: Swanson & Jackson, 24 North Sixth; John Kubie, 211 Union avenue north; Joe Hochfeld, 135 First street; Ed Johnson, 143 Seventh street; Fred Fritz, 246 Burnside; L. C. Turner, 115 Second; Charles May, 185 Stark; Thornton &

announcements have been filed since those of County Clerk Fields, who wants another term, and of Tom Word, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for sheriff.

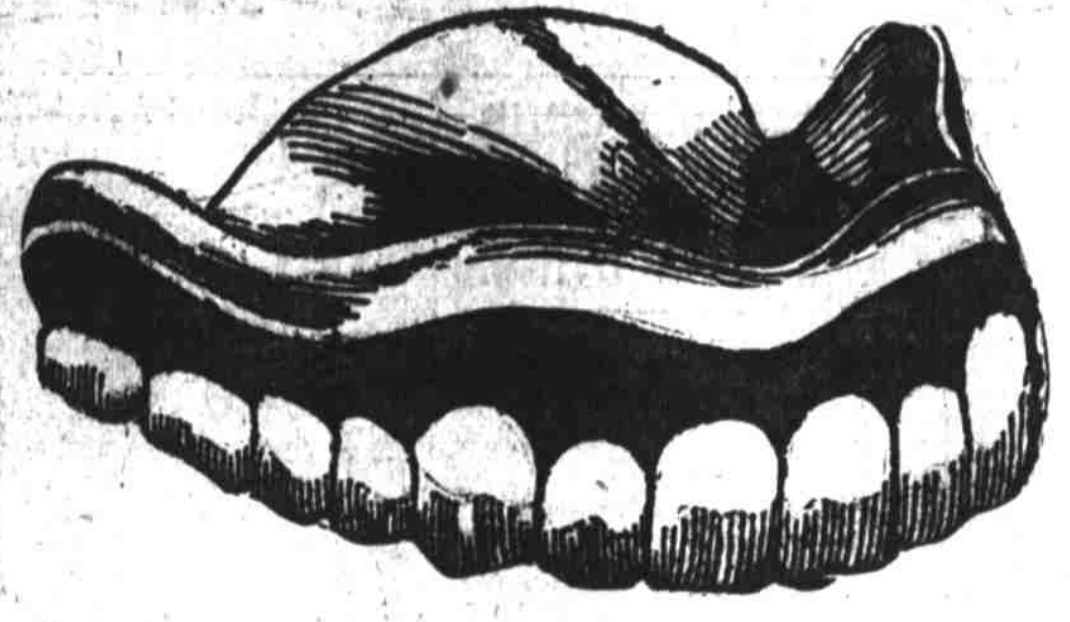
Large Audience Enjoyed Music.
A crowded house greeted the soloists at last Friday evening's recital at Ellers House for the past eight years have been the most enjoyable given this season. Miss Barker played in her usual beautiful manner, and her numbers were much appreciated. Miss Alice Jurin has a beautiful contralto voice, and her work on this occasion showed very careful training and promise of a very brilliant future. The pianists also came in for their share of attention and was much appreciated, and particularly in the case of the young man who played the fifth instrument was a revelation.

These weekly concerts which have been given each season by Ellers Piano House for the past eight years have grown in popularity to such an extent that the capacity of the beautiful recital hall is almost taxed, as all attendees are always assured of a most pleasant musical evening. The eighth recital of this season's course will be given on Friday evening of the coming week. While admission is complimentary, tickets should be secured at the Ellers store in advance. This course has been so popular that the firm to prevent crowding.

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18-Year-Old Youth's Mother Appointed Guardian to Insure Wages.

Acting upon the request of Lytton S. Pfordner, who prefers that his mother instead of his father, be his guardian, Judge Weber in the county court yesterday appointed Mrs. K. Pfordner to that position. Lytton is 18 years of age and has some wages due him from the Wells Fargo Express company. He has been unable to collect the money because his father forbids the company paying him.

Lytton says his father, Paul Pfordner, is disqualified to act as his guardian because he has a violent temper. The young man has been earning his own way for five years and he resents the effort of his father to collect his wages. His mother sides with him, and the matter was taken into court so that she may collect the money as his guardian.

Young Pfordner is temporarily in Carrollton, Washington, but he evidently intends to return to work here as soon as he is assured that his father will not "butt in" on the payroll at the end of the week. He says he has been making his own living for five years and expects to continue doing so.

TWO WIVES WAITING IN PORTLAND FOR HIM
Charging that Arthur Norris, a Portland painter, now employed in Seattle, has two wives, both living and both waiting for him in Portland, Mrs. Hattie Benjamin Norris has sworn out a complaint for the arrest of her husband. She has written him a decoy letter, claiming she was married to Norris in Warrenton last October. The second wife, Mrs. Norris, and her supposed husband have been living in Arleta, Wis. Norris and wife No. 2 in the Grand theatre and after she and Mrs. Hattie Benjamin Norris had compared notes they agreed to have the painter arrested.

WILL HONOR MARTYR'S NAME
The birthday anniversary of William McKinley, the martyred president, will be observed January 29 by the Union Republican club at its hall in the Sellinger-Hirson building. Because of the holidays, the last monthly smoker of the club was postponed, and it was decided to make the meeting on McKinley's birthday an event of state wide scope.

The committee having the meeting in hand has sent invitations to prominent men of the state to be present and assist in the meeting. It is the intention of the committee to secure one of the most noted public speakers of the state to make the principal address of the evening. Fuller details of the meeting will be printed when the program is definitely completed.

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