

# SHOWS RADICAL EFFECTS IN CITY'S CIVIL SERVICE

O. L. McPherson, for over three years secretary of the civil service commission, emphatically declares that while the city charter is being amended, the provisions regarding civil service should be changed if the whole system of civil service is not to fall into disrepute.

Mr. McPherson made a careful study of civil service regulations of the government and of the other cities while secretary of the Portland commission and it is known that the commissioners relied upon his judgment constantly. He resigned to take a more lucrative position, the salary of the civil service secretary being limited by the charter.

Mr. McPherson says: "One of the serious defects of the civil service rules that is badly in need of revision is section 317 of our present city charter, relating to the discharge of employees under civil service. This section provides that no employee shall be removed or discharged except for cause, upon written charges, of which one copy shall be delivered to him and a duplicate filed with the civil service commission. The employee so discharged shall have the right of appeal to the civil service commission and the commission shall have the right to reinstate. This all appears to be fair and equitable, but how does it work out when practically applied? One of the many instances which I have seen was connected with the civil service commission will illustrate.

A policeman excluded some little girls on the street. One of the little girls, who was about 14 or 15 years old, was returning home in the evening from market, when she was accosted by her mother, when she was accosted by this policeman and grossly insulted. The chief of police knew the facts in the case, and knew of other instances where the fellow had been guilty of similar offenses, and was satisfied that he was guilty. Could the chief discharge him? No, under the charter the executive board is vested with this power. The chief made out written charges specifically setting forth the offense and filed one copy with the commission and gave the other to the policeman. The matter was then brought before a committee of the executive board where the policeman appeared with his attorney and the little girls, four or five in number, were summoned before this tribunal and given a public hearing. The evidence was conclusive that the fellow was guilty. Could this committee discharge him? No, the charges must be before the executive board as a whole and considered by them, and in this case, they being satisfied that he was guilty, discharged him from the service.

"Did this end the matter? No, the whole ball of red tape must be unwound. The police appeared before the attorney before the civil service commission, the little girls were summoned and compelled to go to court, the humiliation of relating the disgraceful acts of this scoundrel. This would not have ended the matter if any flaw could

# LEGISLATURE TO BE PETITIONED

The Dalles Business Men Will Urge Extension of Portage Road.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
The Dalles, Or., Dec. 17.—A bill is being prepared by a committee appointed by the Dalles Business Men's association which will be presented to the legislature at the coming session for the extension of the Portage road, beginning at the Big Eddy and extending to The Dalles. It is pointed out that such an extension would be of great benefit to the entire state of Oregon, particularly to Portland, as it would be a link connecting the great inland empire with the lower river shipping facilities.

The committee having the bill in charge is really an incorporated company that has been in existence since July 16, 1907. The one object of this organization is to urge the building of the proposed road from this city to the Big Eddy.

The bill will be presented to the legislature through Senator-elect N. J. Sinnott and will be supported by the entire eastern Oregon delegation.

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# GRANGE FAVORS THE DIRECT VOTE

Klickitat County Residents Would Also Have Local Option.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Husum, Wash., Dec. 17.—The Pomona grange held an interesting session in White Salmon recently. Granges from all parts of Klickitat county were present. During the day sessions resolutions were adopted in favor of an amendment to the horticultural law giving fruit inspectors power to appoint their own deputies, as do other county officers, but providing that before appointment the deputy shall pass the requisite examination.

Another recommendation was the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and another was the adoption of a local option law to remain in force until prohibition could be secured. A guarantee bank law and postal savings banks were also endorsed, as was the proposed bill for women's suffrage. A resolution was adopted urging the adoption of township organization in Klickitat county.

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# INSPECTION OF PROPOSED LINE

Centralia-Aberdeen Route Is Gone Over by Railroad Contractors.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Centralia, Wash., Dec. 17.—Three parties, composed of 15 railroad contractors, arrived in Centralia yesterday and left this morning to go over the Union Pacific company's proposed line between this city and Aberdeen. They had complete blue prints and maps showing the work that the railroad company purposes, and engaged riggers and drivers to take them over the line from Centralia to Aberdeen. Part of the way is inaccessible to carriages and over such parts they propose to walk, submitting bids. They say that their bids must be submitted by December 24.

The maps in their possession show that the proposed route will take the south side of the Chehalis river after leaving Centralia and continue on that side of the river until reaching Montesano, where the river will be crossed to reach Aberdeen. The maps show that the Grays harbor branch will connect with the Union Pacific company's line from Portland to Tacoma, at Centralia. In the party that left here were: J. P. Gallagher, a railroad contractor of Chicago; T. G. Collins, a bridge contractor of Seattle; H. W. Hawley, Philip Morrison, P. V. Johnson, A. Holman and C. J. Johnson, all of Seattle.

# NAMPA PEOPLE SEEK DIVISION

Legislature to Be Petitioned for the Creation of New County.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Nampa, Idaho, Dec. 17.—A petition to the state legislature is being circulated in this city and vicinity asking for the creation of a new county, to be known as Nampa county. As described in the petition, the new county will contain 440 square miles and will have a taxable valuation estimated at \$1,500,000. The territory is to be taken from Canyon and Owyhee counties, and will embrace the section immediately adjacent and most convenient to Nampa.

Canyon county will be most affected by the creation of the new county and a hard fight is anticipated on the part of the people of the county seat, Caldwell, to block the scheme. Other towns of the county, the most important of which are Payette and Emmet, are inclined to oppose the plan of the Nampa people, and it will not be without a fight that the object will be attained.

Prominent business interests of Nampa and vicinity are in the movement. Strong influence will be brought to bear in the legislature to create the new county. A number of other counties in the state are in the movement for division and the forces may work together. Idaho will have several new counties after the coming legislature has adjourned.

# PLAN YACHT RACE ACROSS PACIFIC

A yacht race between Portland and Honolulu is one of the attractions that the Hawaii promotion committee is planning for the Mid-Pacific celebration to be held in Hawaii in 1912. The celebration is to commemorate the opening of Pearl harbor, which will have been thoroughly dredged and passable for new dry docks. Many aquatic sports are being planned for the celebration, which will last from June 15 to August 1. The promotion committee will endeavor to have President Roosevelt attend the ceremonies July 1.

# CALIFORNIANS WANT NEW FEDERAL COURTS

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Smith of California has introduced Senator Flint's bill in the house dividing the southern district of California into three parts and providing for federal courts at Fresno, Los Angeles and San Diego.

# BUSYBODIES VS. TRUTH.

Here Are The Facts—Judge For Yourself.

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# GRAND JURY INDICTS MANY PETTY OFFENDERS—FILES ITS SECOND REPORT.

Fourteen indictments and four not true bills were returned by the county grand jury yesterday afternoon, the result of the labor of the last week. It was the second report of the December grand jury, showing that it is performing a large amount of work. Most of the indictments reported are in petty cases, but these often require a long time for investigation as a homicide.

R. B. Harlow and W. B. Glenn, former clerks of Willett & Burr, who are charged with converting from their employers, are among those indicted. They are separately accused, Harlow being charged with converting from his employer \$560, while Glenn is alleged to have taken \$450 of the firm's money and used it for his own purposes, charged by embezzlement.

Fondness for mushrooms is the weakness of William Broyles, if the charge against him is to be accepted at its face. He is accused of stealing a whole case of mushrooms, valued at \$18, from C. E. Decker on October 24. He will be called to answer for larceny from a warehouse.

The surveyors' instruments from W. C. Cliff, including a solar compass worth \$260, a telescope valued at \$35 and a tripod head placed at \$5, is charged to the account of A. E. Decker, November 5 being the date of the alleged crime. A not true bill was returned against Decker and Fred Thompson, who were arrested on the same charge. Ben Smith, charged with having an instrument stolen by Decker in his possession, was also set free by a not true bill.

Assault with a 35-caliber gun on Anita Hastings, the charge against Joe Zakogi, December 6 being the date of the alleged crime, Sigard Johansen, E. Oberg and Carl Carlson are indicted on the charge of robbery by the use of a dangerous weapon. The complaining witness is John Gunderson, who is said to have yielded \$17 to the trio.

Another assault case is that of Frank Smith, charged with striking Fred Wagner on December 1 with a pocket knife. Larceny in a store is the charge against Jack Fox and Fred Fox, accused of stealing three blankets worth \$3.50, and a like charge has been placed against George Gray, who is alleged to have stolen a \$22 overcoat on November 24 from C. F. Nichols.

Cigars and carpenter tools are charged to have been the property of Ed McBride and Ed Leighton, the two men arrested as suspected horse thieves by deputies of the sheriff's office, were released by the finding of not true bills. They were suspected of having something to do with the loss of two horses belonging to E. S. Wilson on November 10.

A not true bill also resulted in the case of Jacob Johnson, a negro accused of giving intoxicating liquor to Earl Rockford, an 18-year-old boy. Charles Johnson was indicted on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of nine-year-old Mamie Johnson, his own daughter.

# UMATILLACOUNTY COURT BUSINESS

667 Persons Take Out Hunting Licenses; Only 191 Permits to Wed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Pendleton, Or., Dec. 17.—Just what the county clerk does to earn his money is shown by data gathered by County Clerk Salling covering the year ending November 30, 1908, the information being secured for the county clerk at Salem, who wants to know whether he is comparatively overworked.

The statistics cast an interesting light on the court business of the county and show that the circuit court held sessions on 173 days during the year just closed, while the county court was in session during 64 days.

During the year 71 estates were registered in probate, and 21 guardians were appointed. There were 272 cases in the circuit court and 13 insane cases before the county judge. As a result the clerk had to write up 750 pages of probate journal, 304 pages of circuit court journal, 141 pages, recording the acts of the commissioners' court, 41 in the county court and 18 pages of juvenile court docket.

There were 191 marriage licenses issued during the year and that marriage is evidently not so popular as hunting is shown by the fact that 667 hunting licenses were issued.

The receipts of the clerk's office totaled the sum of \$28,000 before the grand jury and the district attorney some 483 other cases were called to testify.

Other statistics included in the report place the population of the county at 20,000, its valuation at \$25,159,227.76. There are 40 road districts, 109 school districts together with 11 towns in the county which have municipal government.

# MILITARY LAND SALE IS ENDED

By a telegraphic order received from Kansas City the sale of contracts on the Southern Oregon Military land grant has been stopped and no more contracts will be sold. About 14,000 of the contracts for the land have been disposed of, including 12,000 original contracts and 2,000 lapses.

Over 90 per cent of the contracts were sold in the middle west so that the opening of the grant will bring a great influx of new settlers into Oregon. It is expected that about 6,000 people will be present at Lakeview, Lake county, during the opening next summer.

During the eight months that the contracts have been sold the company has kept a printing establishment busy running advertisements of Oregon exclusively. It is estimated by R. F. Eike and C. M. Hyslop of the Oregon Military Land company, who had charge of the sale here, that 300 tons of advertising matter about Oregon have been sent out by the company. This included 16,000,000 pamphlets, folders, pictures and booklets explanatory of Oregon, particularly the Lakeview region in the southern part of the state.

# Wines and Liquors.

Special Friday only. \$1.50 port, sherry and angelica, muscatel or tokay wines, 75c per gallon; \$2 port or sherry wines, \$1.25 per gallon; \$3 port or sherry, \$1.75 per gallon; \$4 brandy, \$2.75 per gallon; \$4 Kummel, \$2.75 per gallon; \$4 Holland gin, \$2.75; \$4 Jamaica rum, \$2.75; \$4 apricot brandy, \$2.75 per gallon. The National Wine and Spirit Co., 124 Fifth and Stark. Phones, Main 6499, A-4499.

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