

KEEP WATCH ON STATE OFFICERS

Senator Nottingham Will Introduce Bill Next Monday to Create Position of Examiner of Public Offices and Institutions.

Senator C. W. Nottingham next Monday will introduce a bill to create the office of state examiner of public offices and accounts, which is designed to meet the demand that state officials and institutions shall be kept under the eye of expert accountants, and at the same time prevent the waste that results from perfunctory legislative investigations.

The bill also proposes to establish a uniform system of public accounts and provide persons of high moral and professional standing to examine the receipts, of the purposes and detailed items of expenditures and of the vouchers on file and ascertain whether, in the purchase of supplies, more than the market price is being paid. This is generally considered to be the greatest loophole for extravagance, as a mere experting of the books would show that the vouchers agreed with them, without disclosing whether excessive prices had been paid.

The bill makes the office an appointive one, the examiner to be named by the governor, secretary of state and the state treasurer. The term is four years, but the appointive board may remove him summarily at any time. The salary fixed by the bill is \$3000 per year. It is directed that the examiner shall be an expert accountant and be placed under \$10,000 bond. He is required to examine and check up the reports of state officials and to inspect and verify the assets and securities held on public account.

The examiner must report to the governor any failure to comply with the law by any officer, or any refusal to permit a free examination of his books and receipts. The governor may make the examiner's work public or may use his discretion and take such steps as the exigency may require.

Fine of \$1000 to \$5000 and imprisonment for from one to five years, or both, is made the penalty for an infraction of the law by any officer. Like punishment is fixed for any person who obstructs the work of the examiner or willfully misleads him. The examiner is given power to place officials under oath and question them. Heavy penalties are also provided for the examiner for malfeasance in office.

The Nottingham bill in many respects parallels the state auditor bill introduced by County Clerk Fields, but it does not provide for investigation of the books of county officials, as does the Fields bill. The Fields bill is said to be unconstitutional because it attempts to establish the office of auditor, while the constitution of the state says that the state treasurer shall be the auditor and shall examine the accounts of other officers.

County Clerk Fields says that he is not an aspirant for the office of auditor, examiner, or any similar position, as has been reported. If he were a younger man, he says, he might undertake the job, but he declares that he would not accept the office if it were created and offered him.

FORCES "KNOCKER" TO MAKE AN APOLOGY

F. Ervine took an examination given by the civil service commission to supply eligibles for the police service. Ervine didn't weigh enough, so Secretary McIntosh declared him disqualified in the physical test. Ervine went to the council and declared that he had not been given a square deal and that the civil service examination was "crooked."

NAVAL OFFICERS HONORED ABROAD

Rome, Jan. 14.—Admiral Sperry was granted a private audience with King Victor Emmanuel today and then presented his staff to the monarch, who expressed his thanks for the relief afforded by America to the earthquake sufferers.

THREE OF A KIND

Dropped Coffee, Picked Up Postum, and Health.

The harmful action of caffeine—the drug in coffee and tea—is the same in all cases. It is only a matter of degree. One person may suffer more of degeneration of heart palpitation, sour stomach, nervousness, or insomnia, than another, but the poison is there all the time, if one continues to drink coffee or tea.

A Penn. lady and two friends learned the truth about coffee in the same way. The lady writes:

"About four years ago I had an attack of nervous prostration, a great deal of trouble with my heart. Sometimes I feared I was dying, and my doctor seemed unable to find out the cause of my trouble.

"I would frequently wake at night with these attacks and the doctor said there was some constant irritation of the nerves, and he began to think some organic disease was at work.

"One day I was told of a case very similar to mine, and that the woman could find no relief until she stopped using coffee. I did not like the idea of giving up coffee, for I was very fond of it.

"Having read frequently of Postum, I determined to try it. It certainly made a great change in me. Those spells left me entirely.

"My most intimate friend was afflicted as I was. In fact the similarity of our afflictions drew us together in the first place. When she saw the great change Postum had made in me she tried it and was benefited as I was.

"The beneficial effects of Postum on us two induced a neighbor to follow our example and so we are three of a kind who can't say enough in praise of Postum.

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville" in pks. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

SAYS NO HONEST MAN CAN BREAK HIS PLEDGE

Senator Miller of Linn, Anti-Statement Man, Takes Radical Stand.

"I want to say this to you, and I would say it as freely on the floor of the senate as I am saying it now: If I had signed the Statement No. 1 pledge I would abide by it to the end, even if I were the only member of the legislature to do so. I personally cannot see how any man who has voluntarily made this pledge to the people who elected him, who believed in it when he made it, who said its principle was his own, can or could square his conscience for its violation."

This is the opinion of Senator Frank J. Miller of Linn county, an unpledged member of the Oregon senate, not a Chamberlain man, and, just now, not least, appointed on the "steering committee" of the anti-Chamberlain forces. Senator Miller is emphatic in his position regarding the senatorship. He discussed it freely with a representative of The Journal at Salem in the afternoon, and he made it apparent where he stands regarding the senatorship.

"If I were to tell you what I know about the senatorial issue you would think I was romancing," he said, "for I do not know much about it."

"I want to say this, however," he continued. "I want to make it plain that I will not countenance any skulduggery in this matter. I am not a Chamberlain man. I do not intend to vote for Mr. Chamberlain, but I do not intend to attempt in any way to influence the votes of members of this legislature who is pledged to vote for him."

"If any member bound by Statement No. 1 to vote for Governor Chamberlain can see where he can repudiate that pledge, and can square his conscience with his act, that is for him and his conscience to decide. I, however, will be no party to any effort to induce any such pledged member to violate his pledge."

"Do you think, Senator, that any member could square his conscience for the violation of his pledge?" the senator was asked.

"No, I do not," was the answer. "I refused to take any pledge because my

Frank J. Miller, senator from Linn County.

term was for four years and I did not know what the candidate or the conditions would be by the time my term of office expired. I told my constituents from the stump that if they considered me to be a man who would represent the interests in the legislature, I would be glad of their votes. If they wanted a man who pledged himself to Statement No. 1 more than they wanted me, to vote for my opponent who was a fine and an honorable man.

"I did not take the pledge, but I want to say to you that had I done so I would have observed it if I were the only man in the legislature to do so."

Senator Miller is not bound by any pledge and no one knows for whom he will cast his vote on Tuesday. It is evident, however, that he will not stoop to dishonorable means or mar his record in the legislature.

ALBERS BROS. BUY SAN FRANCISCO MILL

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—It is announced that the Albers Brothers Cereal company of Portland, Or., has bought the Del Monte Milling company's properties at Lombard and Montgomery streets. The purchase gives the Albers company a line of four mills, located at many Pacific ports. The headquarters of the company is at Portland. It has mills at Tacoma and at Seattle.

FINE FURNITURE FOR STATE SENATE

When the state senate reconvenes at Salem next Monday the members will seat themselves in elegant mahogany chairs, and senatorial dignity will be further maintained by specially built mahogany desks, arranged to meet the convenience of their users.

The new furniture for the senate chamber was selected by a special committee of holdover senators, composed of Hart of Baker, Blingham of Lane and Mull of Jackson. They were appointed by President Hains at the last session, and it was expected that the desks and chairs would be placed

CITY OFFERS MONEY FOR LIGHT

Ready to Pay for the Month of January and Enter Into a Contract for the Future—Long Arguments on the Demurrer.

The attorneys representing the city and the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in the matter of the issuance of an injunction restraining the lighting corporation from shutting off the street lights occupied the entire morning arguing their points before Judge Gantenbein.

At noon the case had reached the point where it was decided by the city to tender payment to the corporation in advance for the January lighting service and then enter into a contract for the future and if possible to let the old account said to be due the corporation from the city stand as it is argued that it has no bearing on the present action.

It is the contention of the city that although it may own a bill to the lighting company, as a public service corporation the company must furnish lights to the city at their demand when the consideration is tendered and that old bills should be collected legally and without coercion.

On the other hand it was the contention of the company that they feared that the city was not authorized to pay the old bill or the bill for the present month and that as long as such was the case, they would refuse to deliver the service.

MORE CACKLES AT CHICKEN SHOW

Attendance Increases With Addition of Entries of Probable Prizewinners.



W. C. Denny of Rochester, N. Y., buff specialist at poultry show.

Two "cullud pussens" visited the chicken show at Merrill's hall today and accompanied their gazing with much smacking of lips and rolling of eyeballs.

"Mah Lawd, honey," mourned one to the other, "jest think dat all dese heah birds is on'y heah to look at—jes' to look at." Whereupon they sucked in their breath and proceeded to wonder at the ways of the whiter.

More roosters and hens added their tenor and baritone notes to the symphony of cackling, cackles and crows today. Few more are expected and today the judging proceeded rapidly. In a day or so the first awards will be announced.

Many Attend Show.

Despite the inclemency of the weather today the number of spectators far exceeded expectations. Numbers of out of town poultry fanciers visited the exhibit this morning and added their thoughts on feed and breed to the show collection. The layman wonders at the intricate details of chicken raising and abandons plans to leave the great expanse of the city and make a fortune on a chicken ranch.

Several of the exhibited hens forgot for the moment their high station in life and gave up eggs yesterday and today. In all about a dozen bits of hen fruit were found in the crates. Some argument has arisen as to the disposition of the eggs. Everyone claims a nesting great interest. The show will close January 19.

Best Ever Held.

However, the show is the best and largest ever held on the Pacific coast far surpassing the Seattle exhibit of last year. More enthusiasm is being shown by poultry fanciers than ever before and the general public which doesn't know a Langshang from an auk, is manifesting great interest.

"The White Wyandottes, as a class, are the best in the exhibit. There are some of this species here that would class with anything in the New York shows. One of the best of this class, if entered in the New York show, would be held two weeks ago, would undoubtedly have won."

"The Buff Plymouth Rocks and Buff Orpingtons, as classes, are also exceptionally strong."

Grapples With a Burglar.

As the climax of what seems to have been a carefully planned attempt to loot the Westminster apartment house at Sixth and Madison streets, Charles Powers, the janitor, Charles Langshang, a masked burglar in the house at 12 escape. Four windows were opened in the basement of the Westminster Tuesday night, apparently to allow the water pipes to freeze. The landlady has reported. There have also been other depredations committed.

HART TRUSTS CHAMBERLAIN

Gives Governor Appointment of Two New Supreme Judges in Bill.

"I believe that Governor Chamberlain was right when he declared in his message that the legislature has power by law to increase the number of judges of the supreme court," is the statement made by Senator J. N. Hart of Baker county.

"That is the reason I have introduced a bill to create two additional judges, for I have given the subject careful examination, and I do not believe that a constitutional amendment is necessary."

Senator Hart's bill, introduced yesterday, contains an emergency clause to take it out of the operation of the initiative, so that it may be in effect as soon as approved by the governor. This would give the governor the appointment of one justice for a term of two years and another for a four year term as soon as the bill is passed. Although Hart is a Republican, he is evidently not afraid to trust the appointment of the two new judges to Governor Chamberlain.

Before the Hart bill was introduced a joint resolution was introduced by another senator proposing to submit a constitutional amendment for increasing the supreme court. This is on the theory that a statute for this purpose would not be sufficient. Many of the senators take the view expressed by the governor, that an amendment is necessary if need be regarded as hopeless, because a similar amendment was defeated last June.

GRANGE DISCUSSES GOOD ROADS BILL

Prison Labor Is Advocated at Meeting of Clackamas County Organization.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Oregon City, Jan. 14.—Clackamas County Grange held its quarterly session at Oswego yesterday. Judge Webster of Multnomah county was the principal speaker. His subject being the "Johnson Good Roads Bill," introduced in the present legislature. Particular reference was made to the proposition of using prisoners in city and county jails, to work on the roads, and get out road material.

He was followed by Judge Ryan of this city, who endorsed his views. County Judge Dimick spoke on taxation and road improvements, and presented a copy of a bill to be introduced by his partner, Representative W. A. Dimick, restricting the use of saw logs, wood, saw logs, timber or other merchandise, to a weight of 2500 pounds from October 1st of each year, by the order of restriction to be issued by the county courts. Punishment by courts for contempt is provided for in the proposed bill.

Judge Dimick was followed by County Superintendent Gary, who made an interesting talk on education. The remarks of all the speakers were well received.

LICK BRANCH MINE YIELDS 55 BODIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Switchback, W. Va., Jan. 14.—Fifty-five bodies had been taken from the wrecked shaft of the Lick Branch coal mine at noon today. It is impossible as yet to determine the number of dead still in the workings. Nothing to explain the explosion has been discovered.

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WOULD MAKE OREGON HISTORY COMPULSORY

Senator Milton A. Miller believes that the history of Oregon should be taught in the schools, and he has introduced a bill making it a compulsory requirement. He proposes to allow the school teachers one year in which to prepare themselves for an examination in this subject, and provides that the governor shall call for bids for a suitable text. The text book to be selected by the state text book commission, as other school books are chosen.

A 230 year old buttonwood tree recently cut down in New Jersey, yielded 1000 feet of sawed lumber and three two horse loads of firewood.

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