

DECLARES BOARD HAS A "FUNNY WAY" OF CONSTRUING LAWS

Refusal of Emergency Board to Give Aid to Unemployed, Scored.

Portland, Or., Dec. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—It is interesting to one familiar with the doings of the state Emergency Board to read the story of the meeting at Salem, Thursday, and to study the real motives of the men who refuse to see the law as the governor sees it. As a matter of fact the board has a funny way of construing the law, anyway.

It will be remembered that the board held it impossible to provide relief for the thousands of unemployed in the state because the attorney general had rendered an opinion—apparently rendered for the purpose it served—holding that the board could not legally make an appropriation.

It will also be remembered that not many months ago the State Board of Control, of which Secretary of State Olcott and Treasurer Kay are members, and for which they speak, not an opinion from the same attorney general on the eight-hour law, a law which offered an opportunity for additional employment at the state institutions.

The attorney general then held that the eight-hour law applied to the state institutions as well as to private employers. If the law applied it would be necessary to hire a number of workers, for which the state departments had no funds.

While this was apparent the board forced the law into the courts, where the case is now pending, the action being largely due to the efforts of Kay and Olcott, according to press reports. At the same time the State Emergency Board was in session, but no effort was made to secure an appropriation to pay the expense of adding a number of men at the state institutions, even though the attorney general had held that the law held good, and it was supposed that the additional expense would have to be met very soon.

The Emergency Board and State Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State Olcott seem to be strong on having their way when it comes to construing the laws of the state of Oregon, and always in an attitude against the workers of the state, who really pay the taxes and support the government.

This last stand of the "greater than thou" contingent at Salem is a lesson in popular government which the people will do well to study. If it is possible for Kay and Olcott to control the Emergency Board and the Board of Control through political juggling then the boards are joke.

The demand that the governor call a special session of the legislature would seem to be the entering wedge in a scheme to help somebody put something over. And, in this matter Kay and Olcott were very active and interested.

It seems too bad that state officials like Kay and Olcott so far forget their duty to the whole people that they are willing to juggle laws and quibble over technicalities in order to gain some petty advantage.

It seems too bad that organized labor has to contend with conditions or combinations in which the will of the voters and the interests of the entire state are submerged in a fuss over a few loaves and fishes. In other words it is quite plain that Kay and Olcott and some members of state boards are none too large for the jobs which the people of the state have placed them in.

Let us hope that under real popular government Oregon will develop a statesmanship worth while.

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NAZARENE HOME MAKES PREPARATIONS FOR POOR

The Nazarene Army of America home for women and children is now preparing for the Christmas entertainment, at which it is expected to make many a family happy Christmas night. The workers are making dresses for big and little. There will be also stockings, dolls and toys of all descriptions, candies, nuts and apples.

The home sheltered nearly 1600 women and children during the past year, 350 women have been given employment.

TOM KAY'S ASSISTANT PLACED UNDER ARREST

E. Glantz, a special agent assisting Tom Kay in vice investigations for Governor West, was arrested and held in the county jail on information from Wheeler county, where he is wanted for selling liquor to minors. He is said to have been under bonds recently on a similar charge but to have been surrendered by his bondsmen.

PIONEER HELPED TO BUILD UP COUNTRY

Thomas J. Spooner, Who Passed Away November 30, Came in 1859.

In the death in this city, November 30, of Thomas J. Spooner, the northwest coast lost one of those sturdy old pioneers who helped to build up the country, and who lived to see the changes of more than half a century.

Mr. Spooner was born in Knox county, Illinois, in 1836, and with his widowed mother came to Oregon in 1859 in the "immigrant train" commanded by Andrew Routree. In making the journey they overtook a government troop train, under command of Captain Reynolds, which escorted the unit of Willie Routree and Spooner then went down the river and settled in Lewis county, Washington, near "Bols Fort," on the upper Chehalis river.

All stock and produce was then shipped to Olympia, which was the only place of importance on the sound. From there the steamer "Eliza Anderson" was making tri-weekly trips to Victoria. The following year Mr. Spooner, with his mother and sister, moved to Oregon City, where he resided for a number of years, and was in the employ of Pope & Sons as a plumber and tinmith. He was for many years an active member in the Oregon City volunteer fire department. In 1874 he married Ella Almsworth Jennings, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Berryman Jennings.

The family afterwards moved to Tacoma, Washington, where Mr. Spooner started the first hardware and tin store. They returned to Oregon in 1908, and have since that date resided at Jennings Lodge, a few miles below Oregon City.

Mr. Spooner was always an ardent admirer of an active outdoor life, and spent much of his time in hunting and fishing. Quiet and unassuming in his everyday life, he made friends of all who knew him. He was connected with the Baptist church, and in his early life was an active temperance worker. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Ella A. Spooner, and the following children: Clifford J. Spooner, Clyde T. Spooner, Lloyd S. Spooner and Langdon H. Spooner, and one sister, Mrs. Susan Runyan, of Tacoma, Wash.

BODIES OF DROWNED BOYS ARE RECOVERED

John Nagel and R. Fitzgerald Found Near Place Where Boat Overtaken.

Hugh Brady, city grapple, recovered the bodies of John Nagel and R. Fitzgerald at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a short distance from where they were seen to sink yesterday morning when their canoe turned turtle. The bodies are at Dunning & McEtees'. As the drowning was clearly accidental no inquest will be held.

Nagel and Fitzgerald, respectively aged about 20, started on a hunting and fishing trip yesterday morning on Columbia slough. When near the railroad bridge of the S. P. & S. they stopped to pick up a crow one of the hunters had killed and the frail craft overturned. Joseph Clark, section foreman on the North Bank road, was crossing the bridge and saw the boys in the water and heard their screams for help. He made a rush for a boat and was near them when they sank for the last time after a struggle of several minutes.

Boatman W. V. Pennant who owns a boathouse near the bridge, Mr. Clark obtained the boat in which he went to rescue the boys, but apparently neither could swim much, if at all.

James Selzer and A. E. Shick from the corner's office, recovered the canoe and the boys' caps and coats that were floating on the water. The bodies were found in about 15 feet of water. John Nagel lived at 1770 Villard street, and Fitzgerald lived at 1773 Fiske street.

POLICE STATION WILL HAVE HOUSE WARMING

Thursday evening, between 8 and 10 o'clock, will be the time set yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Clark for the public reception at the new police station. This will be the formal opening. Municipal Judge Stevenson, City Physician Zeiler, Mayor Albee and other city officials promised to be on hand.

The new building is at Second and Oak streets. All offices will be open for public inspection. Captain John T. Moore and sergeants will be found in the receiving line, while other officers in uniform dress will act as escorts. There is a plan on foot to select an orchestra from the police band.

PARCEL POST LIMIT WILL BE MATERIALLY INCREASED JANUARY 1

Within 300 Miles Weight Increased to 50 Lbs. and Over That to 20; New Rates.

At the present time packages weighing up to 20 pounds, can be sent to points up to 300 miles distant, or the limit of the second zone. These weights follow:

Table with columns: WEIGHT, First zone rate, Second zone rate. Rows include 1 pound, 2 pounds, 3 pounds, 4 pounds, 5 pounds, 6 pounds, 7 pounds, 8 pounds, 9 pounds, 10 pounds, 11 pounds, 12 pounds, 13 pounds, 14 pounds, 15 pounds, 16 pounds, 17 pounds, 18 pounds, 19 pounds, 20 pounds.

To points over 300 miles anywhere in the country, or from the third through the eighth zone, no parcel weighing more than 11 pounds can be sent. These rates follow:

Table with columns: Weight, Third zone rate, Fourth zone rate, Fifth zone rate, Sixth zone rate, Seventh zone rate, Eighth zone rate. Rows include 1 pound, 2 pounds, 3 pounds, 4 pounds, 5 pounds, 6 pounds, 7 pounds, 8 pounds, 9 pounds, 10 pounds, 11 pounds.

The insurance fee for parcels valued at \$25 and under is five cents; when valued at over \$25 and not exceeding \$50, the fee is 10 cents.

The fee for a C. O. D. parcel is 10 cents, which also insures it against loss in its actual value up to \$50, without additional cost.

On and after January 1, the limit of weight on parcels for delivery within a radius of approximately 300 miles, or through the local, first and second zones is raised to 50 pounds. For distances greater than 300 miles, or from the third through the eighth zone, the weight limit is increased from 11 to 20 pounds. These rates for the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones follow:

Third zone—Six cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

Fourth zone—Seven cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

Fifth zone—Eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

Sixth zone—Nine cents for the first pound and eight cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

The present rate now found in the seventh and eighth zones will still be in force for the heavier weight after the first of the year. For delivery in the seventh zone 11 cents is charged for the first pound or fractional pound and 10 cents for each additional pound or fraction. For delivery in the eighth zone, 12 cents is charged for the first pound and 12 cents for each additional pound.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE TO COMMENCE TODAY

Although the Portland Young Men's Christian association is to hold formal Christmas exercises later in the week, it will begin the holiday observance this afternoon. At the social preceding the formal meeting, Christmas carols will be sung, and a Christmas story will be read by Mrs. E. C. Moore. Christmas cakes will be distributed to everyone present.

As this is Peace Sunday throughout the world, the peace movement will also receive some attention on the Y. M. C. A. program, in the form of an expression of support. The speaker of the day will be E. R. Hermitson, who is known as the baseball evangelist. For this distinction Hermitson is a rival of Billy Sunday, and it is said that his work as a speaker bears comparison with Sunday's very well. Mr. Hermitson's daughter, Miss Marjorie, will sing.

BOYS MUST PAY VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Boys convicted yesterday of stealing, met with sentences which will keep them working for some time in the future, for Judge Gatens of the juvenile court ordered all to pay for the stolen property. Claude Robinson of Gresham, who stole an automobile belonging to C. W. Zimmerman, was ordered to pay \$10 for lost tall lights which were dropped when the machine was taken a week ago.

A boy 11 years old who tried porch climbing and was caught with \$8.55 of \$12 which he stole from a window room was sentenced to pay back the money spent. Three boys who had stolen goods from a North Portland grocery must pay for the stolen property when the amount taken has been determined. The leader of a band of boys who have been robbing a fruit stand was paroled to Dorr E. Kessey. The other four members were released with warnings.

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