

# ADVISES CHANGES BE MADE IN WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW

Special Report Filed With the Governor by C. D. Babcock, of the Board.

## COMPULSION IS URGED

Elimination of Workmen's Contribution Recommended and Consolidation of 3 Commissions.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Dec. 30.—In a special report recently filed with Governor West, C. D. Babcock, member of the state industrial accident commission, recommends sweeping changes in the workmen's compensation act. Babcock contends in the report that there should be a waiting period of seven days, that the workman's contribution should be eliminated, that compensation should be the exclusive remedy, removing the possibility of litigation, that the act should be not less than six classes, with rates ranging from one-half of one per cent to eight per cent; that employers should be required to report the injury to the commission, and failure to do so should be made a misdemeanor; that the industrial accident commission, bureau of labor, child labor commission and industrial welfare commission should be consolidated, and the department administered by an elective commission of three members at salaries not to exceed \$3000 per annum per member, and that higher benefits should be paid for permanent disability.  
Babcock insists that a waiting period of seven days would eliminate about 15 per cent of the claims put forward by employees suffering from some trivial injury. He points out that Oregon is the only state of the 25 having a compensation law that pays compensation from the time of the accident.

### Ohio Abandoned Plan.

In discussing the elimination of the workman's contribution, Babcock says that Oregon is the only state which requires the workman to pay any of the compensation benefits, and that Ohio abandoned the plan after thorough study. He uses as an argument in favor of this plan, the fact that with a waiting period, when the workman would be entitled to surgical aid and hospital treatment, but no compensation, the workers would carry a considerable part of the load that they now carry by the contribution of one-half of one per cent of the wages of the individual worker. He also points out that compensation payments are paid on the basis of 80 per cent of the wage loss, except that by virtue of the wage loss benefit clause of the act the schedule is sometimes increased materially in cases of low paid workers with families.

### Temptation to Lawyers.

One of the vulnerable spots in the present compensation act is section 25, which is a standing temptation to personal injury lawyers to work up cases against the employees, says Babcock. He asserts that the plan to consolidate the accident commission with three other commissions would bring more satisfactory results, as well as prove more economical than the present system.

### One Sad Case.

Permanent disability cases are rare, only one appearing out of a total of 1373 cases reported up to December 1. Babcock cites this case of a man 46 years old who lost both legs in an accident and must support himself and his wife and 1-year-old child on \$41 per month. When the child is 15 the

# Indians Celebrate New Year's Advent

Those With Religious Tendencies and Those Who Are Still Wild Take Part in Respective Ceremonies.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 30.—New Year's day, the one national holiday of the year that has a significance to them that was not put into it by the white man, will be celebrated by the Indians of the Umatilla reservation with feast, dance and religious worship. Long before the white man and his religion were heard of, the Indian celebrated the advent of the new year, the date corresponding almost with that of the calendar of civilization. Two celebrations will be held, one by the religious Indians at the Tutulla mission, and the other by the wilder Indians at the camp of Chief No Shirt of the Walla Wallas. The Indians of Tutulla will camp for several days at the mission and have planned a great feast, to be followed by services. Their less civilized brothers have been camping at No Shirt's camp since Christmas and dancing the tribal dances in the order of entertainment each evening.

## Court Will Review Ousting of Board

San Francisco's Fire Commission Quarrel Gets Into Courts on a Writ of Review Secured by Old Board.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—A bitter fight between Attorney Harry I. Stafford, counsel for San Francisco's deposed fire commissioners, and Mayor Rolph started yesterday when Stafford appeared before Judge Seawell and secured a writ of review, which means that the whole proceedings surrounding the ousting of the commissioners will be reviewed by the superior court. If the court finds that Mayor Rolph acted illegally in ousting the commissioners, San Francisco will be in the unique position of having two fire boards and two chiefs of its fire department, one chief appointed by the deposed commissioners, and one by Mayor Rolph. The writ was made returnable January 7.

## Prisoner Ready For Speedy Trial

Man Accused of Murdering William Fassett While Committing Burglary in San Francisco Doesn't Seek Delay

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—When Vern W. Fowler was brought into Police Judge Sullivan's court yesterday on a charge of murdering William Fassett here December 18, Assistant District Attorney McKennie asked for a continuance in order to give the police still more time to perfect their case against the accused man. Fowler stated that he was ready for trial at any time, but preferred to have his hearing held immediately. McKennie's request for a postponement of one week, however, was granted.

## FORWARD COHEN APPEAL

John Mannix, attorney for Max G. Cohen, notified United States Attorney C. I. Rogers today that his client's appeal to the United States supreme court has been forwarded to Washington. Cohen was refused a writ of habeas corpus by Judge Cushman at Tacoma and is now in the federal prison, serving a sentence for subornation of perjury.

penion will be reduced to \$25. Babcock thinks \$50 per month would be little enough in such cases.

Babcock strongly opposes the plan of casualty insurance companies to secure an amendment to the compensation act that will give private companies an opportunity to make a profit from the misfortunes of the workmen and women of Oregon.

# ROSARIANS ARE TAKEN ON SMOOTH AUTO ROAD FASTER THAN BY TRAIN

Southern Oregon Has Delightful Surprise for Excursionists From the North

## LESSON FOR MULTNOMAH

Band Plays All the Way on the Swift Run From Medford to Ashland; Scenery Is Enjoyed.

By M. N. Dana.

Hornbrook, Cal., Dec. 30.—It sometimes happens when Oregonians visit other states they incidentally learn some things about their own state that surprise them. The surprise of the Royal Rosarians as they traveled down through southern Oregon was between Medford and Ashland. It was a road 15 miles long as smoothly hard surfaced when no town was in sight as when it broadened out and was merged with the city streets. The Rosarian band, carried by automobiles, serenaded that road during the whole of the swift run from Medford to Ashland and there was never a rut nor a bump to jar their music.

The automobiles rounded up by the Medford Commercial club committee were waiting at the depot when the Rosarian special pulled in. They had wired that they had a "joy ride" in store for the excursionists. They had the train, which had seemed to do quite well itself in pushing the miles away from it, was left panting in the rear. The road unrolled like a smooth white ribbon without steep grades, without dangerous curves.

### Treat for Portlanders.

It was the first time any Portland party had been over the first 15 miles of the highway system for which the southern Oregon county appropriated \$200,000. It was an object lesson to them. The very pleasure of travel over it suggested the narrow, short sighted folly Multnomah county will be guilty of if the Columbia highway up through the gorge should be considered complete without hard surfacing.

The Jackson county road proves that no scenic and tourist as well as utilitarian highway in this automobile regime can serve its purpose unpaired. Southern Oregon scenery with its mountains and Rogue river valley is much worth while and the Jackson county road furnishes the first great opportunity to see it.

The Medford committee that had charge of the auto trip consisted of Benjamin C. Sheldon, M. Alford, C. M. English, C. E. Gates, J. C. Murphy, Dr. E. N. Porter, Dr. Seelye, Fred Powell, Perry Ashcroft, E. J. Trowbridge, A. S. Rosenbaum, J. A. Kidd.

### Fun Aboard Train.

Pleasant incidents brightened last night's trip. Edward Boyce, president of the Portland Hotel company, was initiated with due pomp into the order of Rosarians and responded by presenting each lady aboard with a box of candy.

Dr. Henry Waldo Coe made a dinner party for the prince regent of the Rosarians and the newspaper men. At Ashland the local Commercial club showed its appreciation of a band concert and some stunts with local color caught on a moving picture film by the Northwest Weekly company which will attend the Rosarians until they leave San Diego, by passing around views of Ashland and vicinity, all stamped.

### Britain's Man at the Vatican.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Sir Henry Howard, new British diplomatic representative at the vatican, handed his credentials to the pope.

# Plan Legislation For Tumalo Project

Desert Land Board Adopts Governor West's Recommendation for the Establishment of Fund for Work.

Salem, Or., Dec. 30.—The desert land board at a meeting yesterday afternoon voted recommendations as to legislation needed to take care of the Tumalo project fund. The board decided favorably on a plan to create a Tumalo project fund from money received from the sale of lands and, after certain payments are made, to return the entire amount to the general fund in 1917.

State Engineer Lewis wanted to have 20 per cent of the amounts received paid into his reclamation funds.

Governor West declared that the people were expecting the money would come back in the treasury again and not be diverted elsewhere. Accordingly, his plan for a recommendation of a law for the establishment of the Tumalo project fund carried.

## Holman Signs First Lot of Bridge Bonds

First \$250,000 of Total of \$1,250,000 Issue Is Made Ready for Delivery to Purchasers.

Chairman Rufus C. Holman gave a sigh of relief yesterday afternoon as he signed his name for the two hundred and fiftieth time.

He had just signed the last of the \$250,000 worth of interstate bridge bonds, each of which calls for \$1000. They were sold to Morris Brothers of Portland, and the Harris Trust & Savings bank, of Chicago, for \$253,275. The remaining \$1,000,000 worth were sold to the same people for \$1,021,900. Mr. Holman, as chairman of the board, and County Clerk John B. Coffey must sign each of the 250 bonds before they are delivered to the purchasers.

## May Discontinue Hood River Station

Hood River, Or., Dec. 30.—The Hood River experiment station came in for a severe grilling at a meeting of the county court yesterday, when about 100 citizens were present to participate in the proceedings. When the matter of an appropriation of \$2500 for the station was asked to be included in the 1915 budget, a number of citizens opposed the appropriation on the ground of the station's inefficiency.

The lawyer and banker, a legal and financial publication of New Orleans, recently sent out a list of leading lawyers and bankers throughout the country asking their choice for president. The letters were evenly divided between Republican and Democratic parties and more than 60 per cent of replies were received.

The Republicans voted as follows: Justice Hughes of New York... 1584  
Sen. Charles McNary of Oregon... 116  
Governor-elect Whitman, N. Y... 510  
M. T. Herrick of Ohio... 309  
Senator Borah of Idaho... 197  
Hiram W. Johnson of California... 51  
Theodore Roosevelt... 39

The Democrats expressed the following preferences: Franklin K. Lane of California... 1119  
Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey... 703  
Charles E. Hughes of New York... 702  
Oscar Underwood of Alabama... 345  
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### Uprising in the Philippines.

Native uprisings in the Philippines beginning Christmas eve are expected to be dispersed in connection with the Jones bill granting a greater measure of home rule and promising independence to the Filipinos. President Wilson favors passage of the Jones bill during the present session of congress, and officials close to the White House say the recent troubles will not affect the president's advocacy of the measure.

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Brigadier General McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, said the Jones bill is a conservative and excellent measure, which would be to the great advantage of the Filipinos.

### Railroads and Politics.

Clifford Thorne, of Des Moines, Iowa, president of the National Association of Railroad Commissioners, says the advance in freight rates allowed eastern railroads is apt to force the roads back into politics. Mr. Thorne represented the commission of eight states in fighting the rate boost. He says:

"The railroads, the president and the commission have made the questions involved in the case matter of public policy. That fact alone justifies full and frank discussion of the decision. Ultimately matters of policy are for the public to determine. Where courts of commissions go wrong sooner or later we set them right, even if it takes a civil war.

"I fear very much that the decision will force the whole railroad question back into politics. I find conditions are ripe for that very development here in the middle west among the producers and farmers, where the whole movement for railroad regulation originated 40 years ago, long before it ever reached other portions of the United States.

"I shall be sincerely sorry if this proves to be true, because I do not believe these matters should be handled that way. But I fear that circumstances have finally forced that result."

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# HILLES IS AGAIN OUT IN LIMELIGHT POSING AS POLITICAL PROPHET

Sweeping Republican Victory in 1916 Is Prediction at Present Time.

## HE SLIPPED UP LAST TIME

In 1912 Something Was Wrong With His Foresight, and Now Skepticism Exists.

Chairman Hilles of the Republican national committee is again to the front as a political prophet. He predicts a sweeping victory for the Republicans in 1916, and declares that the tariff will be the leading issue.

Mr. Hilles did not qualify as a prophet in 1912, but in spite of that fact, what he says today is interesting, even though there is a tendency among Republican newspapers to question its importance. He asserts that his party will elect not only the next president and house of representatives, but possibly a bare majority of the senate as well.

Mr. Hilles says he finds evidence that the mass of voters are still Republican, and that many of those who failed to vote either the Republican or Progressive ticket two years ago are dissatisfied with Democratic policies.

### Tariff Is Dangerous Issue.

The Philadelphia Ledger, leading Republican newspaper of Pennsylvania, has been making a fight to take the tariff out of politics. While agreeing with Mr. Hilles' prediction of Republican success, the Ledger is not quite ready to agree that the tariff will be the main issue, putting it this way: "The candidate who has the confidence of the level headed men of the country will be elected president in 1916."

The New York Post says: "More cautious Republicans will hope that the ghost of the Payne-Aldrich bill may not be conjured up quite yet, and will deem it wiser to watch and pray for a less dangerous issue, like hard times."

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