

# BUCHTEL IS LINING UP HIS FORCES FOR THE FINISH OF CAMPAIGN

### Candidate for Public Service Commissioner Displaying Much Activity.

## PROMISES ARE GIVEN OUT

#### Those Interested in Campaign Are Watching Present Situation With Keen Eyes.

Fred J. Buchtel, present deputy state sealor of weights and measures, is making an active campaign for the Republican nomination for the public service commissionership from the western district. He has enlisted the assistance of the district sealors of weights and measures, located in that part of the state west of the Cascade mountains, who are now energetically working for his nomination. In addition to this, Mr. Buchtel has promised Jack McGuire, an old time railroad man, that in exchange for his active support in the primary election, he will give McGuire a job with the commission, if elected.

#### Other Promises Made.

The same promise has been made to others. It is understood, from which it will be seen that Buchtel is lining up his forces for a strong finish in the primary race for the nomination.

Those who have been interested in the work of the public service commission since its creation are watching the present campaign with deep attention. When it was created by the legislature of 1907, Clyde B. Atchison, Thomas K. Campbell and Oswald West were appointed as the first commissioners. Atchison and Campbell have served continuously on the commission since that time. They have so handled its deliberations and so written its decisions that it has never yet been reversed on appeal.

#### Decisions to Come Soon.

For three years has been engaged in investigating the physical valuation of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., and its decision as a result of that investigation will shortly be handed down. The scope of the investigation covers all of the holdings of that corporation, and from it will come the future basis for power, light and transportation charges made by the corporation. The work was in the nature of equitable litigation, and the decision will be in the nature of the decree of a court of equity.

It is pointed out by those who are interested in the success and stability of the commission that Mr. Campbell, who is a candidate for reelection, has, by reason of his long service on the commission, become thoroughly conversant with its procedure and well versed in the important duties devolving upon a member of the commission. Prior to his assuming the duties of

## REGISTRATION RETURNS ARE COMPLETE

Salem, Or., May 10.—Final figures on the registration of all parties for the primary election to be held May 19 were given by Secretary of State O'cott Tuesday afternoon and are as follows:

County	Total	Repub.	Dem.	Progres.	Prohibi.	Social-ists.	Miscel-laneous.
Baker	5,982	2,944	2,561	30	39	251	137
Benton	4,380	2,714	1,558	12	207	72	117
Clackamas	11,812	5,142	4,896	53	252	222	236
Clatsop	4,370	2,282	829	16	27	131	94
Columbia	2,317	2,274	616	12	91	107	117
Cook	2,114	4,206	1,702	29	78	454	245
Crook	3,557	2,141	1,221	9	40	94	52
Curry	952	615	298	4	7	66	18
Douglas	7,576	3,208	1,997	25	101	221	110
Gilliam	1,228	805	382	1	13	20	7
Grant	2,152	1,529	527	4	7	68	18
Harne	1,323	1,025	632	3	9	66	18
Hood River	2,202	1,588	515	12	70	64	54
Jackson	7,667	4,672	2,290	38	157	198	314
Jefferson	1,222	877	409	12	13	32	38
Josephine	2,067	1,997	785	18	38	128	101
Klamath	2,653	2,399	1,088	13	18	70	75
Lakemath	1,599	899	567	8	12	52	60
Lane	12,025	8,055	4,453	64	335	618	610
Lincoln	2,162	1,593	371	14	41	99	44
Linn	8,752	5,202	2,850	39	301	188	311
Malheur	3,212	2,315	1,219	36	42	161	88
Marion	14,753	10,587	2,079	33	473	347	347
Morrow	1,504	1,072	351	1	14	46	29
Multnomah	71,484	55,791	16,139	668	1,424	855	2,620
Polk	6,904	3,540	1,879	16	210	162	197
Sherman	1,191	776	348	8	112	7	85
Tillamook	2,221	1,906	462	61	61	94	87
Umatilla	7,367	4,580	2,395	20	118	123	131
Union	5,081	2,032	1,630	27	93	166	132
Wallowa	2,123	1,958	811	8	31	198	23
Wasco	4,337	3,042	1,068	15	84	58	70
Washington	8,599	6,335	1,572	22	325	115	230
Wheeler	7,484	5,277	2,711	1	1	271	1
Yamhill	6,906	4,050	1,848	20	707	115	166
Totals	241,482	161,819	60,370	1,275	5,500	5,424	6,884

Republicans 67.01 per cent; Democrats, 25.08 Progressives, .53; Prohibitionists, 2.28; Socialists, 2.25; miscellaneous, 2.85.

the position, his long business experience, particularly as a shipper, gave him a firm grasp upon the fundamentals of the problems which have since come before him for judgment.

On the other hand it is pointed out that Mr. Buchtel has had no special business experience or training, and is not prepared, either by service or otherwise, to sit as a judge in the determination of the weighty and technical questions which are continually being brought before the commission. It is contended that in any event there will be one new member on the commission, from the eastern district, and that should Mr. Buchtel secure the nomination and election at this time, it would throw practically the entire burden of the work of the commission on the shoulders of Frank J. Miller, the present member at large.

## Widowed Mother And Six Children Need Assistance

Who will help put a widowed mother in position to earn a livelihood for herself and six small children? A suitable house and furniture are urgently needed. The woman proposes to support herself by taking in washing if given a start. Her children range in ages from one and one-half to 15 years. Until recently she had been given employment at the Junior League Sewing room. Any one wishing to assist this worthy woman may call at the Peoples Institute, Broadway 1871.

## India Rubber Man Displays Prowess

### "Sailor" Scotty Shows Stanford University Medical Students Things About Stretching.

Stanford University, May 10.—(U. P.)—Stanford medical students were hard at work today when into the anatomical laboratory strode a man who made his neck grow 5 1/2 inches longer to get a good view of the room, then stretched out his arm 14 inches beyond its normal length to shake hands with the professor, contracted his leg 8 1/2 inches to get a kink out of it, and then calmly grew 6 1/2 inches taller to get face to face with a student standing on a chair.

No, it was not the effects of Welsh rarebit. It was merely "sailor" Scotty, India rubber man, going through his paces for the budding medicos. He also expanded his chest 10 1/2 inches without inhaling, swelled his neck 5 1/2 inches and stopped his heart from beating for nearly five minutes.

### Baby Mckercher Passes On.

Frank Snow Mckercher, the seven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mckercher, died at the Good Samaritan hospital at 7 o'clock this morning, following an operation performed yesterday. The baby was the only child and had been named after his grandfather, Detective Sergeant Frank Snow of the police department. Finley Mckercher, manager of the Equitable Loan & Savings association, was the paternal grandfather and the late Edward Alisky was a great grandfather. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## FEDERAL INQUIRY HAS BEGUN INTO METHODS OF O.-C. PROMOTERS

### U. S. Supreme Court Has Forbidden Sale of Lands in Controversy.

San Francisco, May 10.—(P. N. S.)—The United States grand jury has started an inquiry which will be continued Thursday into the methods of certain promoters and their agents who have filed applications for Oregon land now in possession of the railroads, of which the United States supreme court has forbidden them to dispose, pending action by congress. These lands are owned by the South-

ern Pacific and Oregon & California companies. They were originally given to the railroads on condition that they sell them to bona-fide settlers at the rate of \$2.50 per acre. The government has brought suit to reclaim the lands on the ground that the railroads have not kept their agreement and the land should be forfeited.

### Railroads Cannot Sell Lands.

Pending the settlement of this controversy, which is in the courts, the supreme court has forbidden the railroads to sell the land to anyone.

Certain promoters have represented to their clients, it is alleged, that they had means of securing the land, but that it would be necessary to file claims with the railroads, offering them \$400 for 160 acres of land, and when this is refused, that further action would be taken. It is said that \$150 was collected from each applicant for expenses in securing this land. An affidavit was in the meantime filed with the land office showing the tender to the railroad, and at the conclusion of the case in the courts the clients were informed they would be able to get possession of the property.

### Promoters Contend No Wrong.

The promoters have contended that they are acting within their rights, and

the applicants have been fully informed by them of the entire procedure and the chances they are taking.

J. P. Hayes, secretary of the Western Union, was called before the United States grand jury to produce certain telegrams that had been sent by persons under investigation. He refused to produce them and was brought into court, when Judge M. T. Doobling made the order for him to do so. He then presented all telegrams in possession of the Western Union to the grand jury, and these will play an important part in the case.

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## Widow Will Avenge Death of Husband

### Mexican Who Slew Former Justice of Peace to Be Sought—Rangers Will Be Hired—Friends Will Aid.

San Diego, Cal., May 10.—(U. P.)—To avenge the death of her husband, reported killed by Mexican bandits at Boquillas last week, Mrs. Jesse Deemer, accompanied by her son, left here today for the border. Deemer was justice of the peace at Boquillas, and

two years ago presided at the case of a Mexican charged with the murder of a countryman.

"Through lack of evidence," said Mrs. Deemer on her departure today, "or because a certain lawless element refused to testify against the man, the latter was given his freedom. The man then told my husband that some day he would kill him, and now I believe he has made the threat good. As soon as my son and I get to Boquillas I intend to hire a number of rangers and guides and seek the Mexican. I have many friends on the Mexican side, who will assist me in this undertaking."

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