

SERVICE COMMISSION STARTS BIENNIUM IN CONTROVERSIAL MOOD

Buchtel Has Declared Hostilities Against Other Two Members of Board.

OPPOSED TO ED WRIGHT

Because of Feeling Election of Secretary Is in Abeyance; Corey Satisfied La Grande Man Is O. K.

Salem, Or., Jan. 4.—War has been declared in the public service commission. Members of that important branch of the state government start off the new biennium at loggerheads. Hostilities toward the other two members of the commission were declared by Fred G. Buchtel on the day he took office. He made his pronouncement through the newspaper man who managed his election campaign. He sought to cover his animosity toward H. H. Corey, another member of the commission, with the cloak of "retrenchment in expenditures." In reality Buchtel is decidedly peeved because Corey suggested the name of Edward Wright of La Grande for secretary of the commission before Buchtel had entered upon the duties of his office.

Buchtel announced that he would go before the legislature and oppose the appropriations requested by the commission in the budget, on the theory that the commission should not ask for an increase of approximately \$9000 over the last appropriation.

Will Oppose Wright. Buchtel also announced that he would oppose Edward Wright for secretary of the commission on the ground he was not qualified for the position.

When asked today which items in the budget he would trim, Buchtel said he had none in mind but he thought by reorganizing the commission and making a new adjustment of salaries enough could be saved to bring the appropriation down to what it was for the last biennium.

The last legislature trimmed the commission's budget \$20,000, with the result that its work during the last two years has been somewhat curtailed. The extra items asked for this time are for grade crossing surveys, an assistant engineer, an auditor, an extra stenographer and Corey's contribution to the physical valuation of railroads being made by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"No Technical Qualifications." "I am opposed to Wright for secretary because I do not think he has the technical qualifications for the position," said Buchtel. "I think the secretary should be a man who has had experience with some technical feature of the work, such as railroad problems, or gas problems, so that he could be an adviser of the commission."

Wright was a candidate in the eastern Oregon district for commissioner and was defeated for the Republican nomination by Corey. He has been county clerk of Union county for a number of years. He ran next to Corey in the election.

"Any man who is big enough to get the support given Wright for commissioner," said Corey, "ought to be qualified to be secretary of the commission. He has never applied for the position, but I spoke to him about it and told him I thought he could be elected. Mr. Miller said he was satisfactory to him."

The election of a secretary has been left in abeyance.

Toledo Art Museum

Is Given \$1,000,000

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Gifts amounting to \$1,000,000 have been given to the Toledo Museum of Art. An endowment fund of \$600,000 was raised by popular subscription and at a dinner celebrating the conclusion of the campaign to raise the fund, Edward Drummond Libbey,

SHE HAS TO DECIDE IF SHE LOVES HER HUSBAND



MRS. MILDRED M'DONOUGH STEVENS.

Kansas City, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Mildred Stevens is at the home of her parents after a honeymoon of a week, where she will remain until she makes up her mind whether or not she loves her husband better than she does another. Earl Stevens, the husband, is living alone and plugging along hopefully at his desk in the New England National bank. The romance of the pair is a remarkable one. Mrs. Stevens, formerly Miss Mildred McDonough, was

courted by two suitors, Stevens and another. It was a case of doubt for Mrs. McDonough, but Stevens won out by getting the marriage license without saying anything about it to Miss McDonough and then hustling her off to church. Twenty-four hours later the bride disappeared. Then it developed that she was still doubtful. After a frantic search Stevens and the bride's parents located her and the latter took her home until she shall have time to make up her mind.

Big Flocks of Birds Speed Northward

Seattle, Jan. 5.—(P. N. S.)—Speeding northward in dense clouds, a host of sparrows and robins, numbering at least 25,000, according to the best estimates, suddenly flew out of the south and passed over Lake Washington. They moved in great phalanxes several blocks long, the sparrows appearing first in tremendous numbers, while behind them came regiment after regiment of robins. The appearance of the host caused a sensation along Lake Washington, where thousands of robins rested for a few minutes in the trees.

A total eclipse of the moon will be visible in Portland on the evening of January 7, according to information received today from the local United States Hydrographic office. The moon will enter the penumbra, or lighter shadow, at 8:35.7 p. m., January 7, by local standard time. It will enter the umbra, or deeper shadow, at 9:50.4 p. m. The total eclipse will begin at 4:10.15 a. m. of the morning of January 8. The beginning of this eclipse will be visible generally in central and western Europe, northwestern Africa, North and South America, and central and eastern portions of the Pacific ocean. The end will be visible generally in North America, northwestern South America, northern and northeastern Asia and eastern Australia.

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JOURNAL OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES DECLARES STRIKE VOTE CERTAIN

Meeting of the 640 General Chairmen in Chicago, Jan. 11, Planned, It Says.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—That the four railway brotherhoods will take another vote, whether or not to strike in the event the eight-hour work day is not granted by the railroads, is the declaration of the American Railway Employees' Journal, the January issue of which was published here today.

According to the Journal, the four brotherhood chiefs have asked the 640 general chairmen of the trainmen's organizations to meet in Chicago, January 11. The Journal says: "The meeting is for the purpose of consulting the general chairmen to decide on the line of action made necessary by the railroad managers' refusal to put into effect the eight-hour working day as contemplated by the Adamson law. The entire matter will be placed before the rank and file for their decision. The Journal has faith that they will stand by their organizations and bring the railroads to their milk."

New Yorkers Unfit For Marine Corps

Of 5082 Who Applied in First Nine Months of 1916 But 187 Were Accepted; Many Deficiencies, Cause.

New York, Jan. 5.—Only about 3 per cent of the men in little old Manhattan who apply for enlistment in the United States marine corps are qualified to become "soldiers of the sea," according to a statement issued today by a local recruiting official of that corps.

During the first nine months of 1916 there were 5082 applicants for enlistment in the marine corps recruiting district of New York. And but 187 were accepted for enlistment. Only one out of every 30 men who applied could meet the requirements. Out of \$10 examinations by the medical officer, 556 were rejected, and the principal causes given for these rejections were: Defective vision, 109; defective teeth, 84; heart affections, 77; flat feet, 74; and under weight and poor physique, 70.

Seeds May Be Had From Congressman

Flower and vegetable seeds are available for anyone in Multnomah county who wishes to write for them, according to word received from Representative C. N. McArthur. The department of agriculture has placed 25,000 packages of seeds at his disposal, which he will be glad to mail to anyone wishing them. He is ready to send larger quantities to teachers whose pupils are gardening under school direction. It is requested that persons writing for seeds specify whether they desire flower or vegetable seeds, or both.

In addition to the seeds, Mr. McArthur has at his disposal several thousand agricultural bulletins, of which he will furnish lists or copies upon application.

Letters to Representative McArthur should be addressed to 488 House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Klamath Falls Dogs Are to Be Muzzled

Klamath Falls, Or., Jan. 5.—Muzzles for all Klamath Falls dogs or dogs brought to Klamath Falls from other places is the decree of the "city dads." Danger of spreading rabies now prevalent among the coyotes of this district is the cause of this ordinance, which was introduced as an emergency measure and passed through its three readings, becoming effective immediately. This precaution was adopted when the same danger menaced the community last winter.

Rear Admiral Knight Made Full Admiral

Washington, Jan. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, president of the naval war college, Newport, R. I., was made a full admiral in command of the Asiatic fleet by Secretary of the Navy Daniels today. He will succeed Admiral A. G. Winterhalter, who will resume the rank of captain. Captain William F. Sims, now commanding the dreadnought Nevada, was made a rear admiral and will be made president of the war college.

Miners to Strike to Test Industrial Act

Denver, Colo., Jan. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Employees of six mines near Frederick in the northern lignite coal fields will go on strike tomorrow unless their demands for an increase in wages varying from 15 to 20 per cent are granted. The ultimatum of the miners is in disregard of the state industrial act which requires 30 days' notice to employers and the state industrial commission on any proposition relating to change of wages or hours. The union has decided to test the law.

Rich Ranch Woman Is Off for California

John Day, Or., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Lillian MacRae, who recently sold her stock ranch in the lower John Day valley to C. P. Ragdale of Union county for \$200,000, left for Portland Wednesday morning. She will spend a week or 10 days visiting in Portland, after which she will move to southern California, where she will make her home until after the close of the war. Mrs. MacRae is a native of Scotland, and it is her intention to return to that country after the war is over.

Silverton to Hold Election. Silverton, Or., Jan. 5.—The city council has called a special election for January 23, to decide upon the question of taking the north side addition into the city limits. This tract consists of 120 acres, while 56 acres have been platted.

SENATOR TO SPEAK ON "THE LEGISLATURE"



Samuel L. Garland.

Senator Samuel L. Garland of Lincoln county will be the speaker of the evening at the regular meeting of the Jackson club this evening at 8 o'clock.

Courts Are Hit by High Living Cost in Gathering of Juries

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—And now the high cost of living has struck the courts of law. Judges are having difficulty in getting working folks to serve on juries because they "can't afford to." "Out of more than 200 men who have been placed on the list for the Mooney trial," said Superior Judge Franklin Griffith today, "more than 50 asked me to be dismissed because they are working men. They said they had families to support and couldn't do so on the \$2 a day received for jury duty. Other courts are having similar trouble."

***** In Central library hall. He has chosen "The Legislature" as the subject of his address, and, as he served in the 1915 session, is about to pass through the 1917 session, and is a veteran of several other sessions of many years ago, it is expected that his address will be a most interesting one. In addition to Senator Garland's address, a special program of music has been provided by the entertainment committee of the club.

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JOHN L. WAGNER DIES AT MYRTLE POINT; HE WAS OREGON PIONEER

Father of Ten, All Born on Family Homestead, Passes Away at Age of 68 Years.

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 5.—John L. Wagner, one of the pioneer settlers of southwestern Oregon, and on whose farm the town of Powers is now located, died at Myrtle Point. Mr. Wagner was born in Tennessee December 31, 1848, and came to Coos county from North Carolina in 1872. With his father and brother, David and Daniel Wagner, and his brother-in-law, John Hayes, he settled near Rural on the south fork of the Coquille river. They made up what for years has been known as the North Carolina settlement. Mr. Wagner was the father of 10 children, all of whom were born on the homestead.

Port Orford Wants Base.

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 5.—The people of Port Orford will make a strong bid for the location of a naval base. A committee has been named by the Chamber of Commerce to meet the

government committee in Portland and set forth the claims of the place. The committee is composed of Representative Tichenor, William Gillings and A. J. Marsh.

North Bend Council Meets.

North Bend, Or., Jan. 5.—The city council of North Bend has organized for the year 1917. The only change on the council was the seating of J. M. Thomas to succeed F. W. Woods. Councilman H. G. Kern was elected chairman of the council. Mayor Russell has appointed the same city officers who served during the past year.

League Official Postpones Coming

Dr. Jessica Peixoto, professor of sociology at the University of California, who was to have spoken in Portland next week for the Consumer's league in the interests of their 48-hour-week-for-women bill, to be put before the legislature this year, has canceled her engagement in Portland. Her work in California will delay her departure from that place and necessitate her going directly to her eastern lecture engagements. Dr. Peixoto was to have appeared before a number of organizations in Portland, and the Consumer's league may be able to rearrange her Portland program upon her return from the east later in the month. She is honorary vice-president of the National Consumer's league.

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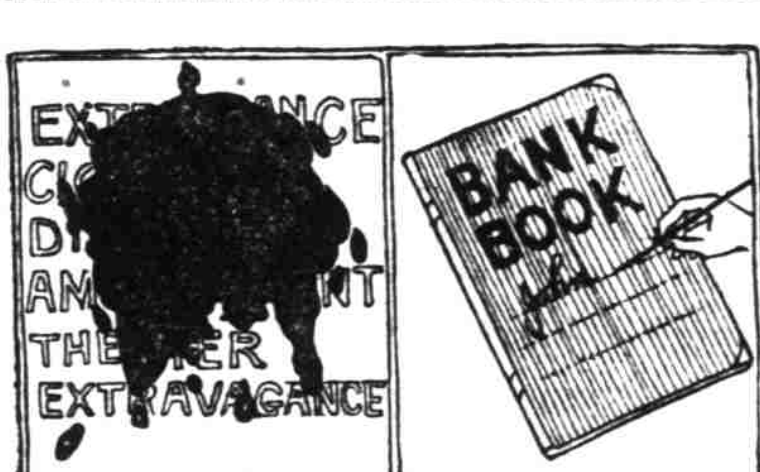
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