

ACCIDENT BODY IS REORGANIZED BY GOVERNOR OLCOTT

Wilfred Allen and Harvey Beckwith Replaced by Will T. Kirk and J. W. Ferguson, Portland.

BECKWITH ASKED TO RESIGN

Former Board Lacked Harmony in Conducting Work, Olcott Says in Announcement of Changes.

Salem, June 23.—Appointment of Will T. Kirk of Salem and J. W. Ferguson of Portland, to succeed Wilfred Allen and Harvey Beckwith as members of the industrial accident commission, effective July 1, was announced by Governor Olcott Sunday afternoon.

Allen's term expired last January and Beckwith has informed Olcott that his resignation will be acceptable, effective July 1.

Lack of cooperation necessary to the best operation of the workmen's compensation law, is given as the reason for the change in the personnel of the commission. In a statement issued by the governor, in connection with the announcement of the appointments, in which he said:

HARMONY LACKING

"I have watched the situation in the industrial accident commission closely since I have been in the executive office, and was rather familiar with it prior to that time. I have become thoroughly convinced that the makeup of the board was not conducive to the best operation of the workmen's compensation law. The functions of the act are among the most important, if not the most important, than any of the state boards or commissions are called upon to administer. Without wholesome cooperation and efficient handling of affairs the greatest good from the compensation act cannot be obtained.

"I have had a long acquaintance with both Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Kirk, and know personally that their qualifications are such as to assure a harmonious and efficient handling of the commission's affairs. These appointments are unsolicited in both instances, are entirely upon my own initiative and are based upon my personal knowledge of their fitness.

FARTIES SPLIT POWER

"I am thoroughly convinced that the changes made are for the good of the public service and conducive to the best results from the compensation act."

Provisions of the workmen's compensation law specify that not more than two members of the commission can be members of the same political party.

Mr. Kirk, who succeeds Allen, is a

NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS



Left to right—J. W. Ferguson of Portland and Will T. Kirk of Salem, named by Governor Olcott on industrial accident commission

Republican, as is also William A. Marshall of Portland, third member of the commission. He has been with the commission since its inception and will be retained. Ferguson, a Democrat, succeeds Beckwith, also a Democrat. Under the new alignment of the commission, Marshall will be representative of the employees, Ferguson will represent the employers, and Kirk will represent the state at large.

Kirk is at present head of the claims department of the commission, to which position he was appointed two months ago. Previous to that time he was for eight years a member of the editorial staff of The Oregon Journal, most of that time being located in Salem as a statehouse correspondent. He is a native of Oregon, having been born at Heppner in 1884. He attended school at Heppner and Pendleton and was a student at Columbia Junior college at Milton.

IN PARTY COUNCILS

Later Kirk acquired an interest with Earl Venable, now private secretary to Senator Borah of Idaho, in the Payette Independent, one of the strongest Republican weekly papers in Idaho. He purchased Venable's interest in the paper when the latter joined Senator Borah and was for a number of years active in councils of the Republican party in Canyon county.

In 1911 Kirk disposed of his newspaper property and removed to Oregon to become a member of The Oregon Journal staff, which position he resigned two months ago to accept the position of claims clerk with the industrial accident commission.

Kirk has been a supporter of the workmen's compensation act, in the proper administration of which he sees an instrument of incalculable benefit both to employers and employees.

Ferguson is an expert accountant of

many years' experience, which, together with his experience in the insurance field, the governor regards as of inestimable value to the commission in the task of readjusting rates, as required by the new law passed by the recent legislature.

15 YEARS IN STATE

Ferguson came to Oregon in 1903 after his years as vice president of the Kearney County bank of Minden, Nebraska, and five years as registrar of the federal land office at Lincoln, Nebraska. He served two years as chief deputy in the tax collection department of Multnomah county, was for four years on the state insurance commission, and for two years was controller of the Columbia Life & Trust company.

At present Ferguson is public accountant for Allen, one of the retiring commissioners. He was appointed to succeed Lieutenant Carl Abrams, now in France, and whose term would have expired last January had he remained with the commission. It is the announced policy of Governor Olcott to allow the former state employees, who have entered military service, to resume their old positions upon their return if they care to do so.

INQUIRY TO GO ON

The change in the personnel of the commission will have no effect upon the plans for an investigation of that body, according to a statement issued by Governor Olcott today.

"Regardless of the reorganization of the industrial accident commission, plans for the investigation of that body, decided upon a short time ago, will go on uninterruptedly," said the governor this morning. "I am under the impression that the selection of the personnel of the entire investigating committee will be completed within a short time."

MULTNOMAH COMPANIES WILL MAKE REPORTS IN PORTLAND

Salem, June 23.—The state industrial accident commission announces that its Portland office in the Oregon building is being enlarged and that in future reports of all accidents occurring in Multnomah county will be assembled in the Portland office in order to expedite the payment of claims.

A part of the assembling force now employed in the Salem office will be moved to Portland. All reports will be forwarded to Salem after being assembled here, and all claims paid from this office as heretofore.

Approximately 4000 firms, or about one half of the total number coming under the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, are located in Portland, it is pointed out. Considerable delay is occasioned in the assembling of accident reports due to the necessity for correspondence which will be eliminated by the use of the telephone in the case of Multnomah county accidents after this move is made.

Casualties Result From Auto Mishaps In Streets of City

Three persons received injuries Sunday in a series of motor accidents. A small boy walked in front of an automobile and was injured, a motorcycle, striking an automobile, received slight injuries, and a passenger in an automobile, which struck a street car also was injured.

Mrs. J. Gilbert, 56 years old, a resident of Tigard, was injured about the hips and chest, as a result of a collision between an automobile in which she was riding and a street car at East Eighty-second and Gilsan streets. She was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, and the machine suffered considerable damage.

John Carter of 523 Wrights Terrace, running his motorcycle into the automobile of William Allen of 441 West Park street at Tenth and Hall streets, Sunday morning, suffered a number of cuts and bruises, and the motorcycle was badly damaged.

Roy Teltzer, a small boy, living at 84 North Tenth street, walked in front of a moving automobile at Tenth and Oak streets, Sunday morning, was knocked down and badly bruised. He was taken to his home, when it was found that he had suffered no serious injury.

Congress Preparing To Enforce Dryness

Washington, June 23.—Both senate and house judiciary committees are planning to report prohibition enforcement bills this week in hope of having them passed before July 1. The fact that congress is going ahead with this legislation, with no thought of a repeal of wartime prohibition, makes it practically certain that any move to stave off the dry period will fail.

To fight Japan to the last man and until complete independence is acquired was the general feeling of a mass meeting of Koreans held at Honolulu recently.

RUSH FOR CLAIMS FOLLOWS COPPER STRIKE AT BAKER

Balm Creek Lode Showing Attracts Interest; 500 Locators Get Holdings in This Vicinity.

FABLED GOLD MINE FOUND

Greenhorn Miner Declares He Has Discovered 'Lost Shaft' of Legendary Fame Sunk in 1860.

Baker, June 23.—The rich ore strike in the Balm Creek copper zone in Baker county, which will put Oregon on the map as a great copper producing locality if present prospects are substantiated, has caused by veritable stampede of locators and it is estimated that fully 500 claims have been staked on the lode extending from Goose creek on the west to Sparta butte and farther to the east.

The rich showing of the Hercules mine and the Balm Creek ore chunks taken from the lode, which is fully 100 feet in width and contains high copper values, has aroused excitement among Baker county mining men.

William Peterson, a prominent miner and prospector of the Greenhorn district in Baker county, according to the story that he has found the famous "Lost Shaft," which a local legend recites was sunk in the year 1860 and lost after its abandonment by the owner.

"I struck it 50 feet below the surface and below the bottom of the drift," Peterson asserted. "It is well timbered and in good shape."

A Mr. Cobb, who knew of the shaft, made frequent visits to the old mine in his efforts to find it, but he died without being successful. He told Jake Mullen, a pioneer of that district, what he was looking for. According to the Cobb story the men who sunk the shaft told Cobb that they could not find it after their return from long absence and said that if it were ever found there was a fortune in it for it contained exceptionally rich ore.

A few years ago Peterson found some ore in this vicinity showing fine gold and he is confident that he has at last struck the source of the rich surface deposits that have been found from time to time near this shaft.

GOLD REEF MINING COMPANY SUCCEEDS QUEEN OF THE WEST
Cornucopia, June 23.—The "Queen of the West" gold mine has changed its name and will be known in future as the "Gold Reef Mining company."

The old company was organized in the east and, being a foreign corporation, was obliged to pay a tax of \$200 per year to the state treasury. This expense is saved under the new organization.

R. G. Amidon and H. C. Fields are in charge of the operation of the mine. A large force is employed and more men are being added to the pay roll daily. The mine is equipped with a modern 10-stamp mill and 75-ton cyanide plant, water power being used.

Guggenheims Investigate

Prineville, June 23.—Agents of the Guggenheim interests have acquired holdings in the upper Ochoco mining district and are making extensive investigations with a view to development, according to C. L. Martin, who is in charge of the work. A large force of men is at work under Mr. Martin's direction and large quantities of tools and supplies have been shipped in.

Oil Found at Crane

Crane, June 23.—Oil in commercial quantities has been tapped by a well south of this place, according to Messrs. Howell and Gleason, who have charge of operations in that vicinity. The flow is light, however, and the well will be continued to a greater depth.

New Dredging Company

Sumpter, June 23.—Enlargement of the operations of the Powder River Dredge company and organization of a new dredging company by L. N. Ingle, E. S. Stanfield and others, are the chief items of interest in the mining game in this section. The new concern plans to erect a gold dredge on its holdings just west of Sumpter.

Gervais Honors Heroes

Gervais, June 23.—At least 400 people attended a reception here to returned servicemen. A Salem orchestra played for dancing, following an interesting program.

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Grazing Lands Near Adel to Be Sold at State Board Auction

Salem, June 23.—Approximately 3500 acres of grazing land lying in the Warner valley near Adel, in the southern part of Lake county, is to be sold to the highest bidder by the state land board in the near future, according to the announcement of G. G. Brown, clerk of the board.

This land was acquired by the state in 1911 in settlement of a suit against the Warner Valley Stock company to determine legality of the company's claim to certain lands. The company deeded this tract of land to the state in return for a clear title to the remainder of the disputed tract and it has been withheld from sale.

It is expected that the land will be sold within the next 60 or 90 days, although the exact date has not been determined.

Poultry Raising Is Gaining Momentum On Winlock Farms

Winlock, Wash., June 23.—The chicken industry in this section has developed to surprising proportions.

It is estimated that 300,000 baby chicks have been shipped into Winlock this year and that \$25,000 a month is received from the sale of eggs, most of which go to Seattle and Tacoma markets.

Hugo Hording, who has a ranch a mile north of town has announced that he expects to start a hatchery. He has about 2300 baby chicks.

A Missourian is the inventor of a seed planting attachment that can be added to any farm cultivator.

BURLESON PHONE RATES TO STAND

Unless Public Service Commission Changes Present Tariffs Oregon Cannot Get Quick Relief.

Salem, June 23.—Telephone exchange rates, toll charges and installation fees now in effect will remain in force for a period of at least 90 days after the telephones are returned to private ownership, unless changed by the state regulatory bodies, according to the interpretation placed upon the bills pending in the house and senate at Washington for the return of the wires by the state public service commission.

The senate bill provides for the return of the wires on the day it is signed by the president, with a continuance of existing rates for a period of 90 days thereafter. The house bill provides for the return of the wires six months from midnight of the last day of the month in which the bill is passed, with a continuance of existing charges for a period of six months. The provisions for a continuance of the wartime charges are made in order to give the telephone companies an opportunity to go before the state regulatory bodies in an effort to secure a confirmation of the Burleson rates.

Oregon will be but slightly affected by the measure, it was said by members of the Oregon commission here, inasmuch as the only Burleson-made rates in effect in this state are the installation rates and certain toll charges which the companies contend are lower than the pre-war rates.

Unless formal action is taken to nullify these charges they would remain in

effect until the end of the period specified in the bill as finally passed by congress, when the charges would revert to those in effect before June 6, when the wires were taken over by the government, unless in the meantime the telephone companies shall come before the public service commission and secure a confirmation of the Burleson-made rates.

Pe Ell Man Injured At Work on Railroad

Pe Ell, Wash., June 23.—Wednesday afternoon John Pearson suffered a

painful injury when a handcar he and another man were attempting to lift around fell on his leg, bruising it severely from the knee to the ankle.

Conspiracy Charged To Union Organizer

Ottawa, Ont., June 23.—W. A. Pritchard of Vancouver, B. C., organizer of the "one big union" movement, was taken off a train at Calgary for trial at Winnipeg, on a charge of conspiracy.

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