

VICE GOVERNOR'S JOB MAGNET FOR STATE SENATORS

Now that the primaries are safely over and the aftercasters have almost finished figuring out who have been nominated and will be elected to the 1921 legislature, the forecasters are beginning to ruminate about the election of Oregon's first lieutenant governor, scheduled to take place at Salem on the second Monday in January, next.

There are those in the legislature, and in the senate itself, who contend that the ratification of the governor's successor amendment to the constitution at the special election, tossed a sabot into the dormant machinery of the Ritten and the Banks candidacies for the presiding position of the coming legislature's upper chamber.

TWO AFTER POSITION

Senator Roy Ritter of Umatilla, and Senator W. W. Banks of Multnomah both have been running for president of the state senate since the regular session of 1919. Both counted that they have various and sundry promises of support scattered among the holdover senators, and, not very many months ago, were engaging in more or less diplomatic statements regarding various facts and circumstances surrounding the contest.

Then the special session came along, and Senator Moser and Senator Banks cooked up the governor's successor amendment which has been ratified by the people and which provides that "in case of the removal from office of the governor, or of his death, resignation, absence from the state or other inability to perform the duties of the office, the president of the senate shall become governor until the disability be removed, or until the vacancy is filled at the next general biennial election."

IMPORTANCE IS ADDED

The ratification of this amendment throws the organization of the state senate upon entirely new ground and invests the office of president of the senate with

a novel dignity and importance. The president of the 1921 session of the legislature, and those coming after him, will be, in fact and in effect, vice governors of the state.

The amendment says so in plain terms when it sets out that "the president of the senate shall become governor," in case of any disability on the part of the executive, even his temporary departure from the state or his extended illness. He will not be merely the acting governor, but governor by virtue of the plain terms of the constitution.

Therefore, the heightened power and prestige of the office as well as its broadened potentialities are combining to make the members of the upper house do some solid thinking about the presidency of that body.

ASPIRANTS ARE MANY

Some of them at least are contending that since the president of the senate from this time on is constitutionally the lieutenant governor of the state, the men elected to that office must be of gubernatorial quality and caliber. And this thought in itself augurs the injection of even more politics than usual into the senate organization fight. It is probably true that all, or nearly all, of the senators possess perfect confidence in their own individual capacity to rule the senate and the state. It is surprising how many of them do not think the same of all their colleagues, which may make it more than usually difficult to assemble 16, a majority, holding the same opinion of the qualifications of any one senator as an actual vice governor and a potential governor. Any way you look at it the coming legislative organization fight is, as somebody once phrased it, "pregnant of possibilities."

Trail of Powder, Paint, Negligees Leads to Divorce

Washington, May 27.—(I. N. S.)—Negligee and other feminine effects which she did not own but which she found in her own boudoir were cited by Mrs. Mary Kenna, Elkins as reason why she should be granted a divorce from Blaine Elkins, son of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia in equity court here.

Mrs. Elkins told of a mysterious "Frankie," but once and that was only a fleeting glimpse when she returned from an automobile tow and saw the woman rush from her boudoir leaving a trail of negligees, slippers, powder and paint. After a two-hour recital of her troubles, Mrs. Elkins won a decree nisi.

Love Pirate Is Held for Theft Of \$2500 Gems

Long Beach, Cal., May 27.—(U. P.)—Arrested on the complaint of Miss Margaret McCormick, who accuses him of embezzling \$2500 worth of diamonds, John R. Dew, 25, of Belleville, Ill., alleged "love pirate," is serving a 15-day sentence in the city jail here for registering at a hotel under an assumed name while the police are investigating his record.

Miss McCormick declares she and her sister met Dew on the train en route from Colorado to California. Dew is said to have posed as the heir to an estate worth \$75,000 and persuaded the women to lend him their diamonds so he could "flash" them on the lawyer who had charge of the estate. After securing the diamonds, Dew disappeared and was arrested in San Bernardino.

Dew is said to have made love to more than 100 women in various parts of the country. Many letters from these women are said to have been found in his trunk.

Parents Want to Trade Baby for House to Live In

Tacoma, Wash., May 27.—(U. P.)—"I will swap with good Christian people a healthy, pretty baby boy one and a half years old for a three room house or small dwelling and children's clothes or furniture worth about \$500. Parent sickly and in debt with more children to support."

This advertisement appeared in the classified section of a local evening paper here today.

Efforts are being made to find the baby a new home.

Union Pacific Gives Orders for Lot of Railroad Equipment

Large additional orders for new equipment for the Union Pacific railroad system have been placed with various plants in the country, according to advice re-

ceived Wednesday by local offices of the Union Pacific from Frank W. Robinson, freight traffic manager at Omaha.

Orders for new equipment now include 4000 refrigerator cars for the Pacific Fruit Express, owned jointly by the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific; seven dining cars, 134 locomotives, 45 cabooses, 24 automatic dump cars, 40 steel cars, 25 baggage cars, six locomotive cranes and 2000 gondolas.

The Pacific Car & Foundry company of Portland is working on 200 of the refrigerator cars for May and June delivery and on the order for 45 cabooses, with an indefinite delivery date.

Frenchman Loops Loop 962 Times in Less Than 4 Hours

Paris, May 27.—(U. P.)—Aviator Frouval looped the loop 962 times today, establishing a new world's record. Completion of the feat took him 3 hours and 52 minutes.

Following his descent he announced that he would use the same plane on Thursday in an attempt to fly from Paris to Madrid and return the same day.

School Teachers' Dresses Have to Reach Shoe Tops

San Francisco, May 27.—(I. N. S.)—They may be wearing 'em higher some places this year but not in the public schools of San Francisco. The stern mandate has gone forth that all teachers' skirts must reach to their shoe tops. And if they don't—the school board wants them lengthened at once.

Eugene Auto Drivers Follow Tank Truck

Eugene, May 27.—Drivers of automobiles have invented a new game in Eugene—follow the tank truck. This has become necessary as the gasoline supply is near exhaustion. The Standard Oil company is without automobile fuel and other companies are rationing supplies. Several cars are stalled on the highways with empty tanks. By following the trucks lucky drivers get quotas before the stations run out.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL APPROVED

Ashland, May 27.—A daily vacation Bible school, sponsored by the Sunday school departments of the local churches and open to children from kindergarten age to 14 years, living in Ashland and vicinity will open June 7 and continue four weeks. The enrollment is limited to 60.

In addition to Bible teaching, manual work, hammock weaving, sewing and first aid and hygiene will be taught. A period will be given each day to music and patriotic programs.

The plan is inter-denominational. Members of the committee are: O. F. Carson, N. Firestone, Mr. and Mrs. Badger, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Goetze and the Rev. Mr. Bean. If the plan meets with hearty cooperation the school will be opened on a much larger plan next season.

Floyd Fraley of Ashland left Saturday for New York, from which place he will sail for Europe to engage in Y. M. C. A. work. Fraley taught in Berkeley, Cal., the past year.

Bandits Seize Coin While 100 Look On

Chicago, May 27.—(I. N. S.)—With more than 100 persons looking on, in-

cluding a score of passengers in a trolley car, three bandits in an automobile dashed up beside a department store delivery truck Wednesday, threatened the driver with revolvers and escaped with the truck's strong box containing \$1800.

Husband's Snores Broke Her Health; Divorce Wanted

San Francisco, May 27.—(I. N. S.)—Alleging that the snores of her husband, John P. Sathers, caused her to have a nervous breakdown four months after their marriage, Mrs. Emma R. Sathers today commenced divorce action.

Mrs. Sathers declares that her husband not only insisted upon her occupying the same room with him but resorted at 8 to 9 o'clock, thus prolonging the nightly snoring concert.

Deportees Escape Prison by Sawing Bars and Ladder

Seattle, May 27.—(U. P.)—Lowering themselves 18 feet to the ground by a blanket ladder, after sawing through the bars of their cell window, four aliens held for deportation escaped from the immigration detention station here.

Luke Efinchik, John Bolko and Mike Mostow, Russians, alleged members of the Union of Russian Workers, radical organization, and Charles Fieldhouse, Canadian, son of a Vancouver, B. C., tea merchant charged with bringing a woman into the country for immoral purposes, are the fugitives. The cell contained 48 prisoners. Other prisoners

attempted to cover up the escape of the four men by answering for them when roll was called this morning.

The three Russians were to be transported east for deportation with the next batch of undesirable aliens. Decision on Fieldhouse's case is pending at Washington, D. C.

\$25,000 Estate of Pioneer All Left to Poor and Deserving

Astoria, May 27.—John F. Chitwood, well known Oregon pioneer, a citizen of Clatsop county since 1879, died Wednesday.

Chitwood came across the plains with his father and settled in Oregon in 1853 on a donation land claim now known as Chitwood island. He came to Astoria in 1879 and followed fishing for a short time, then worked in various logging camps.

He was the first to inaugurate the use of donkey engines in logging operations. His experiments were on his homestead near Saddle mountain and proved such a success that soon it was adopted by loggers generally. His greatest ambition in his late years was to assist the poor, and in his will his prop-

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