

GOVERNOR AGAIN DEFENDS COURSE ON STATE TAXES

Portland, Oct. 20.—Governor Olcott and Thomas B. Kay of Salem, here last night on their circuit around the eastern part of the state in behalf of the candidacy of the governor for re-election, discussed at some length the governor's past efforts to curb taxation increases and possibilities for tax reductions in the future.

When Kay inadvertently spoke of Governor Pierce, the Democratic candidate for governor, as Governor Pierce the crowd caught the cue and shouted its approval.

Governor Olcott explained the character of the present expenditures of the state government, asserting that the state's business has been conducted along safe, sane and conservative lines and that its institutions are now in better condition than they were ever before.

MONEY FOR INSTITUTIONS. Discussing the responsibility for high taxes, the governor challenged any statement that the present administration was responsible for them, or could have lessened them to an appreciable degree. He asserted, however, that the taxes levied for state purposes amounted to only \$2,514,080.

Regarding the money spent on state institutions, the governor explained that it had gone into building for the future and cited the instance of the state penitentiary, which, he asserted, would soon be placed on something near a self-sustaining basis. This, he asserted, will be real tax reduction.

As to the highways, the governor said that the Oregon system had just been highly commended by a federal official in charge of that work for the national government and that he felt he had been rewarded for his efforts to leave the commission unhampered in the working out of its plans.

MISTAKES ADMITTED. That mistakes had been made, he

said, there was no doubt, but he expressed the belief those mistakes were no more important than would be made by any organization functioning in a similar manner.

Final Step Taken To Close Record In Brumfield Case

Roseburg, Oct. 20.—The step which probably will cause the official closing of the Brumfield murder case was taken here Thursday when District Attorney George Neuner filed a motion and affidavit, petitioning the supreme court to abate further proceedings in order that the state may obtain judgment for the defendant's costs and complete its records. During the trial the cost of subpoenaing a number of witnesses by Brumfield, amounted to several hundred dollars, was paid by the state, the law providing that in the event conviction the money may be recovered from the defendant. This money can now be recovered from the Brumfield estate, it is said.

At the time Brumfield committed suicide his case was still in court on a petition for rehearing before the supreme court. The supreme court has no legal knowledge that Brumfield is dead, consequently the case is still on the records. As the appeal is still unsettled the state has no right to continue its action to obtain judgment for the money expended in behalf of the defendant.

Accompanying the affidavit of the District Attorney are certified copies of the death certificate and affidavit of Warden Lewis of the penitentiary.

ABRIEL GETZELL. Milton, Oct. 20.—Abriel Getzell, 75 of Milton, formerly of the Wallows country, died in St. Mary's hospital, Walla Walla, following an operation. As far as known he left no relatives.

Poison in Pears Causes Death of Three Children

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 20.—(U. P.)—Three children are dead here today as the result of eating infected pears. Several other persons, including the grandmother of the children, are suffering from the same disease and other deaths may result.

Coroner Corson announced that he would hold a post mortem over the body of Bernice Kimble, who, with her sister Margaret, 7 years old, and 4-year-old brother John, were the first victims of the poison fruit.

The children became ill three weeks ago, after eating the pears that had been obtained from a fruit dealer living in the neighborhood. A fourth child recovered.

Kiwanis Club to Plant Trees on Highway Stretch

The Dalles, Oct. 20.—The barren stretch through which the Columbia river highway passes just west of The

Dalles is to be beautified. Shade trees will be planted between the city limits and Chenoweth creek, a decision to do this having been reached at the meeting Thursday of the Kiwanis club.

The club will purchase the trees at once and the planting will be done under the supervision of C. W. Wanser, division engineer in The Dalles for the state highway commission. Each member of the Kiwanis club has agreed to be responsible for the care of a certain number of the trees until they are safely on the road to maturity.

Charges Denied by School Teachers

Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 20.—Members of the Walla Walla city Teachers' association Wednesday passed a resolution denying they had been assessed by the Washington Education association for funds to support the "20-10" measure to be voted on at the coming general election or that they had any ulterior motives in giving their support to the measure. The action followed local criticism that the teachers were hoping to get salary advances by passage of the measure. The resolution carried a clause which insisted that the interest was purely that of the betterment of the educational system of the state.

WOMAN GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE. Pasco, Wash., Oct. 20.—Ethel Lee, a mulatto, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail on charges of vagrancy and having narcotics in her possession.

FUGITIVE CAPTURED. John Day, Or., Oct. 20.—H. W.

Smith charged with theft of a horse and saddle, who escaped Friday from jail with another prisoner at Canyon City by digging through the wall of a corridor, was caught with his companion on McClellan creek, about 15 miles from Canyon City, Sunday.

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