

# NEW FACES WILL BE SEEN IN STATE OFFICES TUESDAY

Governor-Elect Pierce, However, Will Take His Chair With the Legislature One Week Later.

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Oregon than has Senator Pierce, the governor to be. Thirty years ago, or more, he served as county school superintendent of Umatilla county, and again as county clerk of that county.

Moving to La Grande, he has repeatedly served his county and district in the legislature, has for years been a member of the agricultural college and has generally and continuously been active in public affairs.

He was the Democratic nominee for governor in 1918 and was defeated for election by Governor Withycombe.

The new year will bring no change in the office of state treasurer, nor of the office of secretary of state. Treasurer Hoff returns to the office by reelection, having been first elected in 1918. Prior to his elevation to that office he was for number of years state labor commissioner. Secretary Koser, appointed in 1919 to the office upon the resignation of Olcott to the governorship, was elected in 1920 and consequently holds until the election of 1924.

**PERSONNEL UNCHANGED**  
Nor will the supreme court see any change in its membership through three justices were elected at the last election, two of them for the first time. Justice Burnett, one of the three first elected upon the bench in 1911, was re-elected in 1916 and is now to commence his third six-year term. Prior to his supreme court service he was, for many years, upon the circuit bench.

Justice John McCourt, the youngest member of the court in years, was appointed by Governor Olcott in 1922 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles A. Johns, who resigned to accept a federal judgeship in the Philippine Islands. But prior to that time McCourt had had long and active service in the law, and in politics.

Born in Marion county, he was admitted to the bar there, forming a partnership with Jay Bowerman at Salem. This was dissolved when he moved to Pendleton, where he formed a partnership with former Judge J. J. Balleray.

**APPOINTED U. S. ATTORNEY**  
He was appointed United States Attorney for Oregon by President Taft in 1908 and served until his resignation in 1912. He then entered a partnership with the Veney brothers and continued in private practice until his appointment to the circuit bench by Governor Olcott upon the death of Circuit Judge C. W. Clatsop in 1913. He was elected at the general election of 1920 and served on the circuit bench until his appointment to the supreme bench. John L. Veney, the third supreme justice to be elected at the last election, was for many years, prior to his appointment by Governor Olcott, one of the leading attorneys of Baker county and Eastern Oregon. He, too, served as circuit judge, and as a member of the state senate from Baker county. He was appointed to the supreme bench upon the death of Justice Robert Eakin.

**NEW FACES ON BENCH**  
J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, was first elected to that position in 1912 and has served continuously and has been elected for the most part without opposition, since that time.

C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, was elected to that position at the election of 1918, succeeding O. P. Hoy, who had held the office from the time of its creation until then.

Thomas K. Campbell, who will become the "baby member" of the Public Service commission, has, in fact, seen longer service on that body than either of the other two members. He was appointed as one of the original members of the railroad commission upon the creation of that body by the legislature of 1907. He served continuously until 1919, being defeated for renomination by Fred Buchtel in the primary election of 1913.

**NEW ON BENCH**  
There will be a few new faces upon the circuit bench of the state. In the First district (Jackson and Josephine counties), C. M. Thomas, of long service in the legislature from Jackson county, will succeed Judge Frank W.

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Calkins, who did not seek reelection, retiring voluntarily after long and distinguished service upon the bench. The three sitting judges of the Second district (Benton, Coos and Curry counties), Judges John S. Cole, James W. Hamilton and G. F. Skipworth, have all been returned. It is the same in the Third district (Lincoln and Marion counties), Judges Percy H. Kelly and George G. Bingham have been re-elected. These five had no opposition at the general election.

In Multnomah county, Judge George Roseman, appointed to sit in department 1, has been elected. He was for a long time municipal judge of Portland.

**SERVED IN LEGISLATURE**  
Robert Tucker was re-elected to department 2 without opposition. L. P. Hewitt, a young lawyer of Portland, succeeds Judge W. N. Gatens, who was defeated by a narrow margin after long service upon the bench. Walter H. Evans, appointed from the district attorney's office to department 3 of the local bench, has been elected, while George Taswell has been re-elected to department 4.

In the Fifth district (Clackamas county), Judge J. U. Campbell has again been returned to his old position. "Jim" Campbell, as he was generally known throughout the state before he assumed the dignity of the ermine, and as he is still known to close friends over the state, has been re-elected. He was a member of the legislature and was a member of the luminous spots in legislative assemblies as they came and went, having been returned as representative from Clackamas county several times.

**OTHERS ELECTED**  
Dalton Biggs has been returned to the bench in the Nineteenth district (Tillamook and Washington counties), while Judge J. A. Eakin of the Twentieth district (Clatsop and Columbia counties) has also been re-elected.

Fred McHenry of Benton county will serve as district attorney there for the next four years. Stanley Myers has won a four-year term in the district attorney's office of Multnomah, and Max Williams in the same office in Walla Walla county.

So far as Multnomah county is concerned it will see two changes in the personnel of its county officers, the retirement of County Commissioners Ralph W. Hoyt and Rufus C. Holman and the installation of Dew V. Walker and John H. Rankin as their successors.

Holman, upon his retirement, will turn his entire attention to his interest in the printing firm of Davis & Holman, while Hoyt will likewise return to his office and his personal business to which he has given but part time attention during his tenure of office as commissioner.

Sam B. Martin, county auditor, will continue to administer the duties of that office, having again been re-elected for a four year term.

## LEAVES BENCH AFTER 14 YEARS OF SERVICE



Judge William N. Gatens

Judge W. N. Gatens retired from the circuit bench Saturday after 14 years of continuous service. On Tuesday he will open offices for the private practice of law in the Pittcock block.

"In retiring from office I want to express the great pleasure that has been mine through association with the splendid high-minded men on the bench. I shall miss them greatly. I feel sure that my successor, who is a well balanced, serious minded man, will merit the esteem and confidence of the people who have honored him with this position."

"My 14 years' experience on the bench has led me to the belief that the greatest needs of today from the standpoint of judicial procedure is for simpler forms that will obviate the technical manner of pleading such as distinguished between actions at law and suits in equity, with a view only of doing substantial justice. Half the time of the court is taken up with a battle of wits between lawyers as to whether they are following the right procedure. A litigant is not interested in procedure, he wants his case decided upon its merits. Why should he be penalized because his lawyer used 'and' instead of 'or' or left out the word 'and'?"

"Such nonsense as this is what has brought our courts into disrepute among many people. When court procedure is simplified so that ordinary laymen will understand it and are satisfied that their cases are being tried wholly on their merits, then will people have a higher regard for the courts."

## CITY ACCOUNTING IS CRITICIZED BY TAX COMMISSION

License Department Should Get Bigger Fees, Says Report; Street Upkeep Held Faulty.

License ordinances of the city of Portland should be re-drafted to impose larger fees and thus provide greater revenues, says the tax supervising and conservation commission in its final report on the municipal budget for 1923, just placed in the hands of the city council.

It points out that the fees from building permits still fail to meet the cost of maintaining the inspection force, and that greater revenues should be received from other sources.

"Specifically," says the report, "the commission believes that the license ordinances might be re-drafted to impose fees, among other things, for inspection of meat carcasses, for the viewing of motion picture films, for the inspection of elevators and for the issuance of health certificates for food handlers."

It declares that there is little real cost accounting in the city departments, except in the cost of the parking plant and some of the simpler bureau operations.

The commission reviews the attempts to put into practical effect a system of police booths. It approves the idea and states that it expects that additional assignments to the services will be made in 1923.

It is charged that there is lack of coordination in the bureau of purchases, stationary room, bureau of stores and property custodian, and urges that all these be merged into a single bureau. It urges closer definition of the powers of the property custodian so as to place upon him general responsibility for the use and care of public personal property.

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It urges the speedy consummation of the purchase of the south nine holes of the Eastmoreland links.

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with the plan of inspections now being followed."

As to the street cleaning bureau, the report says the commission has no complaint, but urges a better system of cost accounting.

The increase in the inspection force of the bureau of buildings for 1923, says the report, has not been sufficient to clear away the mass of delayed final inspection cards.

It commends the plan started in 1922 of transporting inspectors in their automobiles at a fixed monthly compensation.

Commenting upon the apparently inadequate provision made for street maintenance the commission urges the council to consider this further. It suggests that the oil sprinkling equipment now in possession of the bureau of street cleaning be turned over to the bureau of maintenance, so that oiling may be done at the proper time after repairs.

Discussing the assessment collection fund, the commission states that although the bonds themselves bear 5 to 5 1/2 per cent, it is on deposit in banks at a rate of 2 per cent, thus creating an unrecoverable loss of approximately \$8000 per year.

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prosperous merchants, today signed a notice that all persons of their nationality in Marietta should leave within 60 days. Attempts will be made to dispose of all property within that time, the notice said, but if they are not successful the exodus will begin anyway.

## Texas Members in House Deny They Belong to Klansmen

Washington, Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—Referring to the statement by Representative Gallivan, intimating that some Texas congressmen are members of the Ku Klux Klan, Representatives Blanton and Mansfield, Democrats of that state, denied in the house today that they were members of the "invisible empire."

"This talk about Texas being dominated by the Klan must stop," Blanton stated. "I presume that some of the best people in Texas are members, but when they vote they do not vote for a man because he is a Klansman."

"Many Klan candidates were beaten in Texas this year," Gallivan's statement warned that Northern Democrats will demand a showdown of the Klan issue with Southern party members when the Democrats reorganize for the new congress.

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