

STATE G.O.P. TO DRAW UP WORKING BASE

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war. They have been larger for the same reasons that the grocery and meat bills of the householder have been larger.

"Taxes have been high. This is a fact not largely due, however, to administrative costs. We all are aware of the vast sums in taxes that have been voted favorably upon at the last few elections. I am not chiding the electorate for so voting, but to explain the main reason why taxes are high, we must cite those elections and the measures approved at them. These moneys have been voted and what is done is done.

"Thrift Needed Everywhere. . . Our duty as Republicans is to follow the course pursued by the careful householder and, horse-wise, and the same duty is incumbent on every elector, to pinch the taxpayers' pennies, to cut expenses here and there, to lessen the cost burdens in every direction possible. This is true not alone of the state administration. It is a course which must be followed in every tax levying and tax spending division of Oregon. Down to the smallest political sub-division where money is raised and expended for public purposes, thrift must prevail if we bring about a material lessening of the taxpayer's burden.

"No matter under what name they may be called; no matter what body may be responsible for making tax levies, it must be borne in mind that all public funds come from the same source—the pocketbook of the taxpayer. Whether tax money is spent by the state, the county, the city, the port, or the school district, it is the taxpayer who pays and the taxpayer who feels the burden. A dollar is a dollar whether expended on schools, on roads, or on state government. To save us a great share of that dollar as possible is incumbent upon every

man in public office who shares in the responsibility of public expenditures.

State Institutions Lauded. "I am proud to say that, under the present state administration, business principles have been applied to the conduct of every activity coming under its control. I point with justified pride to the condition of the state institutions coming under the board of control of which I am a member with the secretary of state and state treasurer. With this board lies the responsibility for the care of the institutions, save control over the penitentiary which is directly under the governor. I can say without boasting that there has never been a time in the history of the state when the condition of the institutions has been better. It would afford me the greatest satisfaction if every citizen of Oregon could visit these institutions and I deem it their duty to see what has accomplished there and what is being accomplished here. I believe I may take some pardonable personal gratification in the fact that the institutions are on such a high plane.

Wards Require Money. "No more important work devolves upon those in charge of the state administration than the handling of these institutions. Here are the helpless wards of the state, generally committed against their will because of some physical or mental infirmity. Into their care and maintenance goes a great share of the taxpayers' money set aside for state purposes. In justice to the taxpayers and their wards, these institutions should be conducted on business lines with the greatest regard for the comfort of the unfortunates within their confines. I say, without reserve, that during my connection with them, it has been my earnest effort to see the institutions so conducted without regard to any other consideration whatsoever.

Appointees Held Responsible. "In those administrative de-

WILL GET \$187,500 FOR APOLOGY.



Mrs. Gertrude Linderman Gilmour, who, under the terms of her mother's will, must ask her brother's pardon for an alleged attempt to "ruin" the family or else forfeit her share in \$750,000 estate.

partments coming under executive appointment I have let it be known to every appointee that the responsibility is his to give the best administration possible in the department over which he has control. Sound business principles have prevailed and must continue. The character of my appointees speaks for itself.

"An important work is being done by the tax investigating committee appointed by the executive office. This committee was created at the suggestion of such office, as I had a deep realizing sense of the importance of the tax situation. That committee has been and is making an exhaustive study of the taxation question, preparing its data along scientific lines and going into the entire field. I cannot but feel that the product of its labors will throw a bright illumination which may dim no sound, uneconomic and vague theories of taxation which may be advanced by those who live in the realm of generalities and fail to apply such generalities to facts and situations as they actually exist.

Cabinet Form Investigated. "Another work of importance I believe is being done by the committee selected by me to investigate into the soundness and feasibility of the so-called cabinet form of government and consolidation of departments that are being experimented with in a few other states.

"I cannot but believe that matters of such vast public import as these should be studied, weigh-

ed, investigated and determinations reached only after such careful thought and consideration. Sudden evolutions in economics, or in any other important phase of life are apt to be followed by disaster, particularly when they are based on hurried assumptions.

"You will pardon me for dwelling upon these matters. I have called attention to them for the reason that you may know my beliefs on what I consider important in connection with the state government and what the people may expect of the party ticket if elected in November.

Business Principles Essential. "I believe that at no time in our history has it been so essential that business principles prevail in connection with government, either state, county or city.

"On institutions are organized upon a basis second to none in the annals of the state. Long, patient effort has been required to develop them to the high degree of efficiency now enjoyed. A change in party administration means a shattering of the organization, a dissipation of efficiency and a general disruption of the morale. In private business faithful and efficient servants are retained because it is to the best interests of the business to retain them. The state government is a vast corporation, operating upon a basis of efficiency. To destroy the organization will be to destroy the efficiency, to initiate new and untried men into the

vacancies and turn the wheels of government back many years. Stand With Party Claimed. "The Republican party and the people of the state cannot afford to permit such an undesirable condition to arise.

"My heart and my hands are in this work. What has been done during my administration has been done with the aim of doing it well. It has been an administration seeking only the best; working for the welfare of the state's wards; striving to attain a higher degree of perfection at a lower cost, and throwing all of its efforts into a betterment of the state's welfare.

"With the Republican party I stand four square to every man; whether he sweats in the open field; toils in the ranks of labor, or sits in an office chair.

Record Is Cited. "Frankly, I have little more to add. The people of the state are familiar with the work of this administration and with my record in public life for many years back. By a man's record shall he be known. A wilderness of promises cannot obscure the view across the open prairie of a man's past. My future in public life is dedicated as has been my past to striving for a betterment of the government and its people.

"In conclusion, I wish to compliment the party upon the objects and purposes of this gathering. In party organization, solidified and unified, lies the success of party principles. Individual success may mean much or nothing to a commonwealth. But the success of right principles means success to the commonwealth and happiness to her people.

By organized strength behind principle, principles will not only survive, but will thrive and flourish.

National Administration Lauded. "And as a last word I wish to say in these troubled times it is the duty of all loyal Republicans, of all loyal Americans, to stand four square behind a national administration that has of necessity charted its course through troubled waters; that has been compelled to carry heavy ballast, but is taking the old ship through the stress and strife of storm, safe into the quiet havens of prosperity and peace."

PASTORS HERE TO REMAIN ANOTHER YEAR (Continued from page 1.)

five years pastor at Ashland, was designated by the bishop as field representative for the board of conference claimants. This is one of the regular benevolences, the "insurance" for the men who have given the best of their lives to the ministerial service, and then find themselves on the face of life without income and without property. The church is increasing its interest in these faithful workers until now the old preacher can look forward to a fair competence in his declining, helpless years. A payment of pension of \$18 per annum for each year the invalided or superannuated pastor has served the church runs up to \$800 a year for the man who has given 50 years of his life to the church. There are several of these in the Oregon conference.

PREFERS UNITED STATES TO NATIVE COUNTRY.



Florence Low, a member of the Chinese race, the oldest in the world, has become a daughter of young America. Miss Low is a prize essayist and cook, prefers the fashions of flapperdom to the most costly and richly embroidered costumes of China.

less words of good counsel during the conference, and has delivered several more or less brief addresses. This Sunday service, however, is usually looked upon as a supreme pulpit offering of the annual conference, and doubtless it will be a privilege to have a seat in the great audience that is expected to face the speaker this forenoon.

Orator Speaks Tonight. Ordination services for the new ministers will be held at the First Methodist church at 3 o'clock this afternoon; Epworth league services at 6:30 conducted by Rev. Ralph Thomas of Turner; and the street evangelistic service, Liberty and State, at 6:45. Dr. J. M. Walters of Eugene, is to preach at the armory in the evening. He is a new man in the conference, rated as one of the most brilliant pulpit orators of the west.

Ministers of the conference will be distributed among the local churches of the denominations for morning service today. The conference meets at 8:30 Monday morning for devotional services, and takes up its business duties at 9 o'clock. The last reports of the conference year, the list of appointments for the year to come, the selection of a place for the next annual meeting, the final resolutions, and the good-byes will close the session.

CONDITION OF MRS. HARDING UNIMPROVED (Continued from page 1.)

itude and unflinching courage. President Harding laid aside all but the most vital affairs of state today and went to the chamber overlooking Lafayette park, where the first lady of the land lay, to be with her and tonight was there constantly. From time to time the persons and nurses withdrew leaving the two alone.

Foreign Potentates Visit. Throughout the day there was a continuous line of carriages and automobiles bringing cabinet officers and representatives of foreign governments to inquire for the latest news from the sick chamber.

Former President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson called during the afternoon and left their cards. Rear Admiral Carey T. Grayson, who attended Mr. Wilson during his critical illness in the White House, the new German ambassador, Herr Weidfeldt, and practically every department head in the present administration were among the callers, most of whom left flowers and personal notes expressing their sympathy.

Consultation Planned. While there was no announcement as to when the attending physicians expected a crisis to be reached, the statement that a consultation would be held Monday to determine whether an operation will be performed, led to the conclusion that no development of extreme gravity was considered possible before that time.

Dr. Charles Mayo of Rochester, Minn., is due to arrive in time for the consultation. Dr. John Finney of Baltimore, Dr. Carl E. Sawyer of Marion, Ohio, and other specialists, probably will assist General Sawyer. It was emphasized today at the White House in this connection that both President and Mrs. Harding had every confidence in General Sawyer, who served as physician to the family for many years before the Hardings came to Washington.

strike of longshoremen in 1920. It is designed to empower the governor of the state to take complete charge of police activities in any specified territory when commerce is being interrupted, without invoking martial law.

The open port statute had been virtually forgotten until the present strike. No attempt had been made to invoke its provisions or test its constitutionality.

Ranger System Recalled. The effectiveness of the act, according to state officers, is made possible by the fact that before Texas became a state, a system of state rangers was established as the official police organization. The normal force before the strike was 47. This number has been augmented and approximately 150 special rangers commissioned. These police officials are stationed at railroad centers where open port law has been invoked, and in more than twenty other centers of striking activity.

Governor in Control. Upon declaring open port law the governor assumes complete control of all police activities and state rangers named by which the governor shall enforce the law. Violation is a felony. Although the law has been in force less than a month in any Texas town, state officials declare it is a decided success and is a great financial saving to the state as compared with martial law action. In the centers where the law has been put in force, the railroads are voluntarily paying the cost

The King of Siam has been married to his cousin. He has renounced his right to a harem. Thus proposing to confine the joys of married life to the family.

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