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GOVERNOR NAMES COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PROPOSITION

Dr. C. J. Smith of Pendleton Is Member of Board—Regents of University of Oregon and Agricultural College Oppose Plan.

Salem, Or., May 12.—Governor West has announced the appointment of the committee authorized by the recent meeting held at Dallas, on the occasion of the Portland business men's excursion to the Oregon Agricultural college, whose function is to investigate the advisability of consolidating the state university and Oregon Agricultural college. The members of the committee are: R. S. Bean, U. of O., Portland; J. A. Weatherford, O. A. C., Albany; C. L. Bryth, board of higher curricula, Pendleton; W. J. Mariner, Farmer, Arlington; Will Dwyer, Federation of Labor, Portland; W. E. Nelson, Fort Lauderdale and Delavan, Gaston, chairman; Frank H. Smith, Attorney, Astoria; E. L. Thompson, Barber, Portland; George Patman, editor, Medford.

Regents Oppose.
Salem, Or., May 12.—Three important steps were taken in the joint meeting of the board of regents of the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college, held in the state capitol Saturday.

The first of these was the adoption of a resolution to the effect that the regents do not believe the best educational interests of the state would be conserved or advanced by the consolidation of the university and the agricultural college.

The second was the appointment of a committee of five members, of which Governor West is chairman, to devise a plan for maintaining the two institutions on a permanent millage tax basis to consider the proposition of such tax that each institution should receive, and to report their findings to a future meeting of the two boards. The members of this committee, beside the governor, are Judge R. S. Bean of Portland, Judge J. K. Weatherford of Albany, E. E. Wilson of Corvallis and A. C. Dixon of Eugene.

The third was the appointment of a committee of six, three from each board, to act as a permanent committee whose function it shall be to have general consideration of all things pertaining to the welfare of the two institutions. The members of this committee are B. F. Irvine, Senator Von der Hellen and C. E. Spence, representing the Agricultural College, and J. C. Ainsworth, S. H. Friendly



Richard Wilbur, at the Grand This Week.

and M. A. Miller, representing the university.

Regents Turn Out Well.
Attendance at the joint meeting was excellent, by electing Governor West chairman and Charles Gaston secretary. Both boards of regents were represented by nearly full membership. The members of the state university board present were Judge R. S. Bean of Portland, Judge William Smith of Baker, Judge J. W. Hamilton of Roseburg, Cyrus Dolph of Portland, J. C. Ainsworth of Portland, S. H. Friendly, George Fisher and L. H. Johnson of Eugene, and M. A. Miller of Lebanon. Representatives of the agricultural college present were Judge J. K. Weatherford of Albany, E. E. Wilson of Corvallis, B. F. Irvine of Portland, Senator Von der Hellen of Jackson county, C. E. Spence, master of state grange, and Senator Hawley of Polk county. Governor West, Secretary of State Olcott and State School Superintendent Alderman were present as members of both boards.

Both Sides Favor Plan.
When the question of consolidating the two institutions was presented, it was known that the full membership of both boards was opposed to such a move. At a meeting some time ago the regents of the agricultural college went on record as opposed to consolidation, and at the meeting of the university regents held this morning this sentiment was unanimous among the members.

"Reflection will show that it is not to the best interests of the two institutions to consolidate them," said Judge Hamilton. "There is no better agricultural college in the northwest than ours, and it would be hazardous to consolidate it with some other institution. This is also true of the state university. Both are working along broad lines. History has shown that in like attempts at consolidation the institutions have suffered. I believe if you put the institution on a high plane of endeavor the people of the state will uphold and maintain them."

A Comparison With California.
"The Oregon Agricultural College leads all like institutions in our neighboring states," said Judge Weatherford. "It is far ahead of California, where the agricultural college is a part of the university. I would be very sorry to see the people of Oregon take chances of injuring it by tacking it onto another institution. I do not believe the people of Oregon care so much about the cost of its educational institutions if they are satisfied that every dollar is being judiciously expended and is bringing good returns. We think we are doing that at the agricultural college."

Mr. Irwin spoke of the need of the two institutions working together in harmony and declared that joint meeting of the two boards should have been held years ago.

Resolution Opposes Merger.
In reply to a motion offered by Senator Miller that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions setting forth that the relationship of the two institutions was harmonious and that the meeting go on record as being opposed to consolidation, Judge Bean said he had been a member of the board of regents of the university for many years, that he never knew of any ill feeling between the two institutions and that he objected to any resolution that would intimate that such feelings existed.

This caused the withdrawal of the motion and the substitution of one by Judge Smith placing the regents on record as opposed to consolidation. "I am not in favor of consolidating the two institutions," stated Governor West. "If the people of the state think we have too many institutions, let them wipe out one or both of them but if they are maintained, let us keep them separate."

Suggests Turning Back \$175,000.
He then took up the discussion of the university appropriations being held up by the referendum case in court and suggested that as the season was so late, the appropriation of \$500,000 could not be used this year, that the regents go on record as favoring, in case the court decided in the university favor, returning to the state an appropriation of \$175,000, which is a unit of one bill. He said this would show to the people that the university wanted only what was actually needed to build up the institution to meet present needs.

The governor said he believed if the \$500,000 appropriation was put up to the people it would not carry. State Senator Miller of Lebanon said he did not believe it would carry in a single county in the state. President Campbell took issue with this and said he thought it would carry as the people would realize how badly the institution needed the amount.

President Campbell gave in detail the arguments of both sides on consolidation and submitted figures from the institutions of other states to show no large economy was effected by conducting the two institutions together. He pointed out that an effort at consolidation might involve a contest as to location which would

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VIRGINIA CLAIMED BY WILSON LEADERS

195 OF 265 DELEGATES FOR JERSEY GOVERNOR

Michigan Also Expected to Send Solid Delegation to National Democratic Convention Instructed to Stand Pat for Progressive Candidate.

Washington, D. C., May 13.—That Woodrow Wilson will have the enthusiastic support of the twenty-four delegates from Virginia to the Baltimore convention is the confident claim of Speaker R. E. Byrd, of the Virginia house of delegates, who is the Wilson campaign manager in that state. A number of county conventions have already acted, and the results plainly show that Governor Wilson is the overwhelming choice of Virginia democrats. A telegram from Mr. Byrd to Woodrow Wilson headquarters said:

"Up to the present time 265 delegates have been elected to the state convention, and of these 195 are committed to the candidacy of Governor Wilson. Many of the remaining seventy delegates are openly in favor of the nomination of the governor, and will vote for instructions for him. The state convention at Norfolk will certainly declare Wilson the first choice of Virginia Democracy. The Norfolk convention will contain 809 delegates."

Michigan will send a solid delegation to the Baltimore convention instructed to vote for Woodrow Wilson for the democratic nomination for president. The Michigan state convention will not be a total of 1334 delegates in the convention. Of these all but 336 have been elected. Of those already chosen 606 are for Woodrow Wilson instructions and 397 are opposed to instructions. No other candidate but Wilson has as yet secured a single delegate. Wilson will require but 67 of the 336 yet to be selected to give him control of the convention, and the selection of more than a hundred Wilson men is universally conceded in Michigan. This will add thirty votes to the Wilson column.

Texas is the biggest state in the union and it gives the biggest democratic majority. Its twenty electoral votes are always a democratic asset. The democrats of the Lone Star state by a majority of more than three to one against all other candidates have chosen Woodrow Wilson as their leader. The Texas democracy is progressive, as is proved by the disastrous rout of the reactionary forces under Senator Bailey. That Woodrow Wilson is the choice of the progressives in this great southwestern state is a fact of tremendous significance in the democratic contest. Their decision has eliminated Harmon from the race and it leaves the Clark and Underwood managers much disgusted because they took Harmon into account when dividing territory for their warfare against Wilson.

Reactionary forces in the democratic party that are striving to nominate the weakest possible man so as to insure the re-election of President Taft if he should be nominated as they hope, are chagrined by the defeat of Senator Bailey in Texas. It is said that Senator Bailey's friends had some hope of his being a compromise nominee for president in the event of a reactionary victory at Baltimore. This has now gone glimmering down the aisle of things that might have been.

NOTICE FOR BIDS ON WOOD.

Sealed bids are requested by the county court of Umatilla County, Oregon, for 110 cords of wood, delivered at the Court House yard in Pendleton, Oregon; bids to be filed with the County Clerk on or before 10 o'clock a. m. on June 5th, 1912. Wood to be either red fir, yellow fir, or maple; to be cut from green timber and free from rotten or doty parts. Bids to be accompanied by certified check for 5 per cent of the amount bid. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Dated this 10th day of May, 1912. FRANK SALING, County Clerk.

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