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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Do you know that the State of Oregon has a need of two more state officers? The vacancy due to the election of Chamberlin to the Senatorship, the illness of Gov. Benson, the succession of Bowerman, and the shifting of responsibility to Senator Selling all tells of the need of a special officer to fill the place when the governor is absent or permanently removed from his position. Had there been a lieutenant governor to have stepped into the place when Senator Chamberlin was called away, how much bickering and trading it would have saved. The governorship has been a plaything the last year or more and it always will be under such circumstances.

Another necessity is a state auditor. No one certifies now to the correctness of any bill for the payment of money. Even the treasurer must demand settlement of himself and has no one to certify to the justice of his claims. Officers indiscriminately make up their own budgets of expense and present them to be accepted without question. The proposal to have a state purchasing agent, or committee to place all orders out for bids, to buy according to prices submitted, and to forward a copy of the bids to an auditor who would issue all vouchers, which, signed by the Secretary of State and presented to the Treasurer will receive proper recognition, is a step in the right direction. It would multiply official heads, but not necessarily increase the actual number employed. It would divide the work in a way that would undoubtedly cut down first costs. Such a plan is anticipated in Senate Bill 166, introduced by Bean and Calkins.

Not satisfied with defeat at the polls a number of persons are preparing to carry through the Legislature a bill to establish one or more normal schools in Eastern or Southern Oregon. It is hardly probable that such a bill will get the necessary consideration. The Legislature disposed of its responsibility in regard to that question two years ago and it is hardly probable that it will take that fight up again—especially when the incidents of the old struggles are so fresh in memory. It would not be amiss though, if the legislative committee of the state grange were to take up the suggestion that was made at the Oregon City meeting and secure the passage of a law that will provide assistance in transportation to those students who live outside of a hundred mile limit. The state could far better afford to pay transportation for such students than it could afford to support several schools.

The state university has a bill before the legislature for \$515,258 for the next two years. Much of this money will go for the extension of the facilities of the

school. It is greatly hampered in its class room and laboratory space. Its main auditorium is a disgrace to the state. Just what esthetic influence the university can impress on the people who attend its lectures, by way of its main auditorium, will hardly be measurable. At least it would be a very brave person that would set up any contention on that point at all. Such an institution is formative. Many of those who attend its classes have never had the opportunity to get outside impressions when they enter here. The ideals they meet, whether in morals, in diligence, in scholarship, in art or refinement of taste, will likely be their standard for life. If the state hopes to get good values from its investment in public institutions, it must make a creditable investment. No mere dabbling will get the ideal of results.

One of the new laws being proposed at Salem is one that takes the pardoning power from the governor and assigns it to the supreme court. No doubt the governor will be more than willing to sign such a bill. It will relieve him of at least a tenth of his work. According to his present program he intends to put in the last day of the month looking after pardons. But the last day of the month will not likely be the only day that pardon seekers will look after him. The amount of annoyance he suffers through this sort of solicitation must be sufficient to drive him to a favorable attitude to sign the bill even if his conscience directed him otherwise. Besides consuming a lot of valuable time the duty of considering the issuing of pardons is not an enviable one. The pressure which is brought to bear is not always a pleasurable one, and neither is it a safe one to oppose. We recall the train load of lawyers, friends and relatives—saying nothing of the political supporters which besieged Gov. Bowerman the last Saturday of his term. But then would it be well for the court that renders the decision to have the power to issue the pardon. Would it not tend to a leniency at first consideration on the part of the court? Would they pursue with the same diligence their efforts for conviction? Would it not be money well spent to have a commission of able jurists who would take the business of investigating pardon pleas and rendering decisions which would be ratified by the governor's signature?

Portland commercial bodies are urging the building of a road through the forest reserve surrounding Mt. Hood. The Oregon delegation in congress will be asked to use their influence to secure an appropriation of \$150,000 for the purpose. The building of this road is planned to take the place of the national park originally sought for the slopes of Mt. Hood.

CHERRYVILLE

Mr. Averill and son have arrived in Cherryville and rented the old Tapp farm. Mrs. Averill and daughters will arrive soon.

Geo. Odell of Sandy has been visiting his parents the past week.

Vincent Friel, who is working at Bull Run, had quite a serious accident which resulted in breaking his nose.

Mrs. Noah Kuhn is running the cook house at Bull Run for the Mt. Hood railway company. She has thirty-two boarders.

M. F. Garlaneaw has bought fifty fruit trees and will set out an acre in to fruit in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Degolia are back on their homestead.

George Couper has bought several hundred fruit trees and will set them out in the spring.

George Flynn is working for William Rugh a couple of weeks.

Alban Lewis has been working for Mr. Rhodes the past week opening the road and getting ready to build a shingle mill.

Alex. B. Brook will leave next week for Seattle and Spokane.

A number of people gathered at the home of Mrs. J. T. Friel, Jr., last Saturday evening to a quilting party. A large cake was awarded to Alex. B. Brooks, who proved to be the best sewer.

Mr. Jones, the mail carrier, came near getting a ducking one day last week. His horse jumped over the bank into the Sandy river near Cherryville and Mr. Jones slid off just in time to escape falling into the river.

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