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SOLONS NOW KEEPING MUM

MAKE NO REMARKS REGARDING FUTURE.

No Indication of Big Problems with Which the Next Legislature Will Have to Wrestle.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, Nov. 21.—Legislators elect apparently have formed an Oyster club. Never before has a similar set of men been so mum so soon before a session as the bunch of solons that will grace the north and south wings of the capitol during the 40 days of wrestling coming up early next year.

There seems to be not even an indication as to the big problems that will have to be wrestled with. There is the financial problem, of course, but that is like the poor and ever with us. It will be more marked than usual this year because of the limitations hedging the legislators round about, but otherwise it will be much the same old story.

Apparently the military police is in for a good drubbing. The governor desires to have the present organization replaced by a state constabulary of something like 25 men. He is placed under the mandate of the state constitution to "see that the laws are faithfully executed," but has nothing to execute them with excepting the regular peace officers, who are elected by the people and are in no manner responsible to the chief executive for their salaries or for their jobs. It has frequently occurred that the governor has been powerless to execute when the executing should be good, and consequently he wishes to have a little band of men that are responsible to him alone.

As kindly as the coming legislature will feel toward the governor, it is likely that his constabulary scheme will have about as much show as the former Kaiser would among a group of Belgian soldiers. "There ain't going to be no military police" seems to be the attitude of the noble few who have been sounded on the subject and probably this attitude is pretty general. The governor tried two years ago to steer the legislature along his own path for a state constabulary, but it never reached the goal.

Poor old Clackamas county has been having a tough time trying to get by with some sort of a state official lately, and has stubbed its toe. It tried to put Tom Ryan over for state treasurer and failed and tried to put Jim Campbell over for the supreme bench and that jurist is still trying to figure out how so many liars could be born and grow up in a state with a population so limited as that of Oregon.

The efforts of Clackamas county were commented upon to one of the leading state officials the other day. "Well, Clackamas county should worry about that," was the response. "We are sure going to put Ed Brodie over for secretary of state in 1920."

But to return to the legislature and its prospective activities. One great big feature which is liable to dissolve in the mists of the early days of the session will be the report of the consolidation commission. Unless it is entirely revamped and worked over from its original form as it appeared when hurried forth by the versatile hand of Col. J. M. Matthews, consolidation and elimination expert of the University of Illinois, it will have a short life and not a very merry one.

The bulk of the legislators who have visited the capitol off and on since the consolidation commission's tentative report was made have thoroughly made up their minds that the report is largely bunk and is destined for the scrap heap. But it looms now, nevertheless, as the possible basis for a big fight. It must be remembered that two years ago two doughty Clackamas county legislators fought in the consolidation arena with short swords. They fought for consolidation and against each other most of the session. But what Wait Dimick and George Brownell couldn't think of in the way of consolidation and elimination must be very trifling indeed, and it

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FOLEY WONDER SAYS CHAIRMAN

DESCHUTES COUNTY RECORD SERVED AS INSPIRATION TO SOME OF THE LAGGING COUNTIES OF THE STATE.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
T. H. Foley, chairman of the United War Work campaign for Deschutes county is "a wonder," according to Orlando W. Davidson, state director, in a personal letter to a friend in this city. The letter was written by Mr. Davidson on November 15, and was received in this city Monday. Mr. Davidson says:

"In regard to the campaign in Deschutes county, I want to say that your Mr. Foley is certainly a wonder and this holds good for the whole county. You not only went over the top but you went over so far that no one else has been able to get within gunshot up to date. It has served as a wonderful inspiration to some of the lagging counties in the state."

LEWIS RESIGNS AS ENGINEER

ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE THIS MORNING—PERCY P. CUPPER, ASSISTANT STATE ENGINEER, TO BE APPOINTED SUCCESSOR.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
SALEM, Nov. 20.—State Engineer Lewis has resigned and Percy P. Cupper, present assistant state engineer, will be appointed by Governor Withycombe to fill his position.

Mr. Cupper, who steps into Mr. Lewis' position, has been with the state office for a number of years.

State Engineer Lewis was well known in Deschutes county and Central Oregon, where he had devoted a considerable portion of his time and influence in an effort to bring about the reclamation of several hundred acres of land by soliciting government and state aid.

The intended resignation of Mr. Lewis was announced several months ago, at that time it being presumed that he would accept a position with the Warm Springs irrigation project. The refusal of the capital issues board to pass on this project, however, changed the plans and it was then stated Lewis would remain on the state job. Recently the board reconsidered the matter, passing favorably upon it, and Mr. Lewis' resignation to the state office following, is tantamount to his acceptance of the position on the new project.

HOME SERVICE SECTION OPEN

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The home service section of the Red Cross in Bend has been opened. Mrs. Ann Forbes, who recently returned from Portland, where she has been taking a course of instruction, making the announcement this afternoon that she would open offices in the Bend company's office tomorrow afternoon and would be at her post of duty each day after that from 1 until 5 in the afternoon.

It is the purpose of this section to take care of the dependents of men who are in the service, and Mrs. Forbes will devote her efforts to the work in this and Jefferson counties, which are embraced in her territory.

ASSOCIATION DISCONTINUED

On account of the influenza epidemic the Central Oregon Cow Testing association has been forced to suspend operations indefinitely. It is doubtful if the work will be resumed because of this and other setbacks which have been received during the past year.

TWENTY-THREE AT EMERGENCY

CASES HERE ARE LESS IN NUMBER.

Two Deaths Reported Last Night—Only One Patient Taken in Yesterday and No New Ones Reported for Today.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Conditions at the Emergency hospital are much improved today over yesterday and the day previous, according to reports received from there this afternoon. Twenty-three patients are now being cared for, the lowest number in several days. But one patient was admitted to the institution yesterday, and none up until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Two deaths were reported last night. Charles Olson, 34 years of age, a ratchet setter at The Sherrin-Hixon mill, died early in the evening. He was admitted to the hospital on November 17, suffering from complications from which he failed to rally. He was unmarried, and his only known living relative is a sister in Chicago, whose address it was impossible to obtain.

Leo Houghtaling, 21 years of age, 1622 Lexington avenue, died at the Emergency during the night. He had been ill but a few days when his death occurred. The deceased had lived in Bend for a number of years and was well known here among the younger set. He leaves a wife and one child and a father and mother, who reside at 1935 Milwaukee avenue. Funeral services are to be conducted by the Moose lodge, of which he was a member.

Conditions in the city are reported to be greatly improved today by the physicians. Few new cases have developed since Monday, and the number of serious ones has greatly diminished. All influenza cases have been discharged from St. Charles' hospital, which less than a week ago contained a number, while those at the Bend surgical are considerably less.

STOOKEY TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Is Now County Commissioner, Appointed by County Court to Fill Unexpired Term.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Seth Stookey, Democratic-elect for county commissioner, two-year term, assumed the duties of his new office today at a session of the county court, having been appointed by the present court to fill the vacancy made through the resignation of Commissioner Macintosh.

Mr. Stookey was sworn in at the last meeting of the county court.

IRRIGATION MEN TO MEET

SESSION WILL PRECEDE ASSEMBLING OF LEGISLATURE AT SALEM—SOME NEW LAWS ARE COUNTED PROBABLE.

(Oregonian.)

The annual meeting of the Oregon Irrigation congress will be held at the Imperial hotel in the Elizabethan room on January 9, 10 and 11, just preceding the opening of legislative sessions at Salem. J. W. Brewer of Portland has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the program.

The irrigationists, as at previous assemblies, will plan in detail their program for the coming year in the general advancement of irrigation projects throughout the state. Close to the opening of the legislative session, it is not improbable that the Oregon Irrigation congress will formulate certain requests for enactment by the state solons.

Officers of the organization are J. H. Upton, Prineville, president; Fred N. Wallace, Tumalo, secretary, and D. G. Burdick, chairman of the executive committee.

WILL NOT LIFT BAN THIS WEEK

ACTION IS TAKEN BY COMMITTEE.

Conditions Are Not Such That Opening of the City Can Be Permitted in so Short a Time, They Say.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The influenza ban in this city will not be lifted next Saturday. This was the announcement made today following a meeting of the executive committee composed of city and county authorities. Conditions which have arisen since the announcement was made last Saturday morning will not permit opening at that time, it is stated, and no definite time was set for lifting the ban, this being indefinite and depending entirely upon the conditions existing here.

The epidemic in the city and county is waning. This is assured. The number of cases being reported each day is smaller, but there are still others who are being taken ill with the disease, two being admitted to the hospital this morning, and in the opinion of the officials there will be no raising of the lid until this condition is changed.

Conditions at the Emergency hospital this afternoon are much improved, there being but 27 patients at the institution, which includes the two admitted this morning. This is five less than were reported Saturday. Two deaths occurred during Saturday night, but all the patients rested quietly last night and there are no critical cases.

Frank Blankenship, 40 years of age, died at the hospital at 5:40 yesterday morning. He had been employed by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company and was taken to the hospital on November 8, being one of the first inmates. He appeared to rally on several different occasions, but grew worse after each attack. He leaves three sons, only one, Frank Blankenship, having been located.

Edward Schmeichel, 36 years of age, an employe of The Sherrin-Hixon Company, died at 12:50 Sunday morning. He was admitted to the hospital last Thursday, at that time being in a critical condition. He was a native of Russia, where his wife is now living. His only relative in this country is a brother, who lives in Davenport, Iowa.

LINCOLN LAMBS ARE DISTRIBUTED

Pure bred Lincoln ram lambs which were brought into this county from Union and Wallowa counties have been distributed among the sheepmen and farm flock owners of Central Oregon. Twenty were purchased by George Jones, while others are being taken by the farm flock owners of the county.

The Lincolns are heavy sheep, particularly adapted to Central Oregon range conditions.

Conditions at Bend Mills for Women Workers Are of the Best, Say Board Members

That physical and moral conditions in the box factories of Bend are of the best and that women workers now employed in these places should be permitted to remain at the employment until such time as the supply of male labor is adequate to fill the demand was the recommendation of Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Foster, women members of the community labor board, in a report to the board last night.

The report was handed in following an investigation of the conditions at the plants where women are employed, occasioned through a communication from the state welfare commission, wherein it was stated that women workers might be withdrawn from such factories in the state.

Practically all of the women working at the plants here are married,

VACCINATION SAVES CATTLE

OVER \$7500 ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN SAVED IN THE COUNTY DURING YEAR AS A RESULT OF COUNTY AGENT'S EFFORTS.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Cattle valued at \$7500 are estimated to have been saved in Deschutes county alone during the present year through vaccination for blackleg, according to R. A. Ward, county agent, who has had charge of the work here.

Since the spring season, the county agent's office has distributed 5700 doses of blackleg vaccine and has vaccinated over 750 cattle for demonstration purposes. Annual range losses from blackleg run around 3 per cent., sometimes higher, but owners report none of the vaccinated cattle dying from the disease. On a \$40 valuation per head, this work has prevented the loss of about \$7500 worth of cattle, which would be 3 per cent. of the number vaccinated.

The last vaccinating demonstration was held at Tumalo last week, where the Gerking, McGuire and Peterson cattle were treated. Animals infected with blackleg at the time of vaccination will die, as the vaccine is powerless to check the disease after infection.

As the spores of the disease will carry over in the earth and grass roots for years, it is strongly recommended by Mr. Ward that animals be burned where they die, and not dragged out of the field. Dragging the carcass is sure to spread the disease over the range, while burying it on the spot will assist in localizing and controlling this scourge of the cattle industry.

WILL ORGANIZE FARM BUREAU

FARMERS OF COUNTY TO TAKE UP NEW PLAN WITH ABATEMENT OF THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
After the influenza epidemic is safely past farmers of the county are planning on forming the Deschutes County Farm Bureau, to take the place of the old agricultural council, which formerly served both counties, according to R. A. Ward, county agent. The new plan contemplates a more practical and thorough organization than was possible under the old system, and is the plan now followed in practically all states having county agents, except Oregon and Washington.

Farmers in conference with the agent believe that the change is desirable now that Deschutes county will have the services of the agent alone, instead of dividing the work with Crook county, as was done last year.

LEWIS FAVORS LOCAL PROJECT

POST-WAR IRRIGATION DISCUSSED.

Engineer Recommends Central Oregon Irrigation Scheme for Development by National Reclamation Service.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, Nov. 16.—The immense Deschutes project in Central Oregon is one of the projects that should be given the earliest possible consideration as a post-bellum irrigation development measure, according to a letter which has just gone forward from here to F. E. Weymouth, chief of construction of the United States reclamation service. The recommendation was made by State Engineer Lewis after Engineer Weymouth had requested the state engineer to give him information as to the principal projects in Oregon which should be developed as after-the-war progress measures.

State Engineer Lewis also cites the Silver Lake project as another of considerable importance to be taken into consideration by the reclamation service.

In connection with the Deschutes project Mr. Lewis also emphasizes the desirability of making further investigations particularly in reference to the Benham Falls project, as a part of the great Deschutes project.

In his letter Mr. Lewis says: "I have your inquiry of the 9th instant relative to irrigation projects in this state in which the reclamation service might be interested in connection with its post-bellum program.

"The investigation that the state made in co-operation with the U. S. reclamation service a few years ago covered the state pretty thoroughly and no important irrigation projects have been brought to light since the completion of the investigation.

"Our attention has been frequently called to what appears to be an excellent project in the Warm Springs Indian reservation in Wasco county. Some investigation of this project has been made by the Indian service, though no steps have been taken for its construction and while we have no definite information in regard to it the reports we have indicate that it is an excellent project. I mention these projects as being the only ones which might be regarded as falling in the first class to which you refer in your letter, though doubtless some of the projects investigated by the state and the United States under the provisions of Chapter 86 could well be placed in this class.

"As you have copies of the cooperative reports you will be interested only in the present status of these projects. I will therefore refer you to the last biennial report of this office, on pages 116-118 and 126 of which you will find a discussion of the status of these projects at the time of the issuance of this report. Since that time the Medford irrigation district has been organized and has voted a bond issue of \$1,500,000. The organization of the Silver Lake district has been completed and the bonds of the Warm Springs district have been disposed of and construction work will begin in the very near future. A district has also been organized in Harney valley and one is in process of organization on Silver creek.

Deschutes Project.

"We feel that the Deschutes project is worthy of consideration by the reclamation service at this time on account of its magnitude and the fact that a large and expensive reservoir must be constructed to conserve a number of more or less independent units, thus rendering it difficult to finance and construct any unit separate from the others.

"A report has been made by a board of consulting engineers, in which it was found that the Tumalo reservoir, constructed for the irrigation of 20,000 acres in the state's Tumalo project, for the construction of which the state appropriated \$450,000, will probably never hold water. The project has therefore been limited to an area of 8000 acres and the remainder of the land that was included in this project may

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