

SOLONS READY FOR BUSINESS

TELEPHONE QUESTION STILL HANGS FIRE.

Public Service Commission May Be Changed—New Members Find Favor with Old Guard at State Capital.

(Special to The Bulletin.)
SALEM, Jan. 16.—While the legislature is getting down to business to enact some new laws and turn over some new cards, some rather important matters of state administration are to be performed on the side during the next month or two, if the legislature leaves the functioning powers in status quo long enough to get them accomplished. The importance of these may be somewhat overshadowed by the rush and bang of the legislature, but nevertheless the people are awaiting action on them with probably more concern than they are awaiting on the legislature to determine what new set of laws they will be compelled to become familiarized with.

Foremost is the telephone rate question, which is still hanging fire with the public service commission and the fate of which is rather closely allied with legislative action. It was asserted after the first hearing that further hearings were to be held, and as these hearings have not yet materialized it will probably be far into the session, or even after it, before the service commission finally decides what it will do in the rate matter.

Some cruel souls have suggested that the commission has been playing foxey in delaying the decision on the rate case. Its paramount importance to the people is apparent to everyone and it has been suggested that the commission is holding this back to demonstrate to the legislature just how important a body it really is.

There is some little trepidation in regard to what will be done with the service commission among the members themselves. With all the talk of consolidation and elimination and with the fact that the railroads are under government control, along with the sore spots which the commission must necessarily have been rubbing during all these years, if it accomplished anything at all, there is bound to be discussion as to the future of the commission. And let it be known that this fact is one to which the members of the commission are fully alive and they are prepared to meet it.

Railroads to Influence.
There is no justification in the charge that the telephone rate order has been withheld as a club to whip legislators into line for the commission, but it has been asserted that this thing will be done. It could be done, that is easily admitted, as the commission could say to the members, here we are with the most im-

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\$100,000 CORPORATION FOR WOOLEN MILL IS PROPOSED

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
By an investment of \$65,000 Bend can secure a woolen mill plant within seven months' time, according to a letter read this noon at the weekly meeting of the Bend Commercial club by T. H. Foley, president. The letter was from the Wilbur Woolen Mills company of Stayton, Oregon, and offered to bring the plant, valued at \$25,000, to Bend, and to turn it in, with \$10,000 additional, for stock in a \$100,000 corporation. The matter was referred to the club directors, and is still under advisement.

Mr. Foley gave a resume of the work done in the cause of irrigation last week, mentioning that all the aims of the club, namely, the passing of resolutions at the irrigation congress, the state chamber of commerce and the reconstruction congress, had been attained. He spoke also of the labor situation in the northwest, declaring that Bend up to date is far ahead of a majority of the cities in providing work for re-

turned soldiers, and asking the co-operation of the club with the community labor board to prevent any serious condition of unemployment manifesting itself here.

J. P. Keyes spoke along the same line, outlining the plan now being favored in the lumber districts of the south, where government aid to returned soldiers taking up logged-off lands is being sought. The "back to the land" movement he declared to be the most practical solution of the returned soldier labor problem.

The matter of putting out literature for the club was brought up by R. A. Ward, and in this connection R. P. Minter advised that a canvass of the business men of the city be made to secure funds for such publications.

Representing the Library club, Mrs. E. M. Thompson and Miss M. E. Coleman were present to ask for assistance in securing new library quarters, as the rooms at present

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1000 CARS NEEDED FOR DRAFT RECORDS

Enormous Amount of Work Handled for Army Shown in Letter from Adjutant General.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Showing the enormous amount of work carried on by the draft boards of the nation during the war is a letter received this morning by Sheriff S. E. Roberts from the office of the adjutant general, Washington, D. C., in which it is stated that 1000 cars would be required to transport the draft records to the national capital.

It is further estimated that if all such records were placed in filing cases, these would extend a distance of 50 miles, if arranged four in a stack. Military information in regard to 23,000,000 men is contained in the papers on file throughout the country.

JOHN USHER WEDS MISS LELA BELL

(From Monday's Daily.)
John W. Usher, and Miss Lela Bell, both of Bend, were quietly married yesterday afternoon by Rev. Williams. Both bride and groom have lived in this city for some time past and have a large circle of acquaintances here. They will make their home in Bend.

GREETINGS SENT BY BEND CAPTAIN

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Greetings from Captain Frank R. Prince of Bend, were received today by the Bulletin. Captain Prince wrote from France but it is understood that he is now on his way to America.

ROOMS ARE FREE TO RETURNING SOLDIERS

No Charge Will Be Made at Inn for Army Men Waiting for Transportation to Interior.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Returning soldiers stopping in Bend while making connections by stage or other means of transportation to interior points need have no worry in regard to their expenses while here. W. C. Birdsall, manager of the Pilot Butte Inn, announced this morning that no charge for rooms would be made at the Inn for men returning from the service who are forced to remain in this city while waiting for transportation to their homes.

"It isn't much," Mr. Birdsall said, "but we want to show that we think enough of the boys and what they have done so that we are willing to share their expenses."

PRINEVILLE BANKER DIES IN PORTLAND

T. M. Baldwin, Prominent in Masonic Affairs, Found Dead in His Room at Hotel.

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—Thomas M. Baldwin of Prineville, past grand master of the Masonic Grand Lodge, was found dead in his bed at the Imperial hotel here yesterday afternoon. Heart trouble is believed to have caused his death.

Mr. Baldwin seemingly was in the best of health when he left his friends Sunday evening to go to his room.

He was identified with banking interests at Prineville and was at one time a member of the state legislature. He was known throughout the state as a close student of civic affairs.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Prineville.

BATTLE EQUIPMENT IS RECEIVED HERE

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Samples of army equipment from the battlefields of France were received yesterday by J. S. Innis, from his son, Robert K. Innis, in the U. S. navy. A gas mask worn by a soldier killed in action, a leather trench jacket of the kind issued to American troops, and a battered helmet or "tin hat" are the articles sent here.

BEND MAN MARRIES BRIDE FROM BAKER

(From Monday's Daily.)
After a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dougherty arrived in Bend this morning and will make their home here. Mr. Dougherty is yard foreman for The Shevlin-Hixon Company, and Mrs. Dougherty was formerly Miss Greta Dooley, assistant to the postmaster at Baker, Oregon.

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PROMPT WORK CHECKS 'FLU'

ONE NEW CASE FOUND IN BEND TODAY.

Vigilance Will Not Be Relaxed, However, Until All Danger Is Past—Use of Masks Deemed Unnecessary.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Prompt, decisive measures on the part of the city authorities, and co-operation by the people of Bend have already shown excellent results in checking the threatened influenza epidemic here, for Quarantine Officer Frank May reported this morning that only one new case had appeared in addition to the 40 listed yesterday. Vigilance, however, will not be relaxed in the slightest degree until all danger is past.

In connection with the "flu" situation revealed yesterday, citizens of Bend met last night with E. L. Payne, chairman of the health committee of the city council, and Dr. J. C. Vandeventer, city health officer, to discuss further means of preventing the spread of contagion. Measures advocated by the committee yesterday were endorsed, with the exception of the face mask edict, which, it was decided, would not be practicable, due to the difficulty in keeping such mouth and nose covers clean.

Managers of theatres and dances. It was decided, should be deputized, without pay, so as to have full authority to evict any persons coughing or sneezing. The need for reporting immediately any new cases of the disease was thoroughly appreciated.

No death from influenza has occurred in Bend since that of Harry Everingham last Friday. Funeral services were held from the Niswonger chapel, Rev. H. C. Hartraft officiating.

W. D. HADLEY HERE FOR HATCHERY WORK

Representative of Fish and Game Commission Will Oversee Installation of Pipe Line.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
To oversee the installation of the pipe line at the Tumalo fish hatchery, W. D. Hadley, district game warden, arrived in Bend this morning and may remain here for some time, making daily trips to the hatchery site. The pipe line work is in charge of the Deschutes foresters.

Excellent progress is being made in the construction of the hatchery, and every indication is that it will be finished ahead of schedule.

BEND SAILOR SENDS OVERSEAS PICTURES

Views of British Crowds When Armistice Was Signed Are Received by John Steidl.

(From Friday's Daily.)
Pictures showing the reception given in English cities to the news of the signing of the armistice were received today by John Steidl of this city from his son Steve, naval electrical engineer stationed at Plymouth. Crowds massing in the streets of Plymouth until not another one could have jammed in were caught by the camera man at the moment when the momentous news was being given out.

Another picture shows the submarine chaser on which the Bend sailor, with other electricians, reached two German U-boats which surrendered in the North sea after the armistice was signed. The boat was snapped under full speed in a heavy sea.

McGUFFIE ELECTED DISTRICT DIRECTOR

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Final returns on the C. O. I. district election, received this morning, gave J. G. McGuffie the victory in the race for the directorship by a vote of 110 to the 55 polled by his opponent, J. J. Ellinger.

ARMY PROBLEM IS EMPHASIZED

SERVICE TO SOLDIERS IS DUTY.

Governor Withycombe, in Message to Legislature, Outlines Plans for Bringing Men and Unused Land Together.

SALEM, Jan. 15.—Speaking at a joint session of the senate and house in the house chamber, Governor James Withycombe delivered his biennial message to the thirtieth Oregon legislative assembly yesterday. The executive reminded the legislators of their responsibility in laying the "foundation for a partnership between the state and nation in the matter of rearranging public affairs and institutions to meet a situation that has borne no parallel since the birth of this commonwealth."

That Oregon "render the maximum degree of service" to the returning soldiers was the first recommendation of the governor. Referring to Oregon's unparalleled patriotic record throughout the war—"being 'time after time first of all states in the support of the country's cause'"—he urged the law-makers to every possible effort to provide proper care for the men who return from service in the army and navy. He said:

Opportunity Shown.
"Probably the most important problem confronting the people of Oregon today is the question of land settlement, especially as it affects the returning soldiers and sailors, who are entitled to every encouragement as they return to civil life. Whatever plan may be adopted by this legislature, it must offer something tangible and must be practical. Fortunately you have an opportunity to develop Oregon on a business-like basis at the same time you are furnishing assistance to returning service men and to citizens generally."

Declaring that Oregon has approximately 2,000,000 acres of logged-off lands, privately owned, Governor Withycombe advocated that these lands be divided into organized districts, improved and allotted in units to prospective settlers. He said:

Financial Aid Asked.
"These settlers should be required to make reasonable initial payment and to meet unpaid balance on long-term installments, at low rate of interest, following the amortization plan."

The governor also advocated the extending of financial aid in developing farms, recommending a similar plan in the drainage of swamp land. He suggested that the honorary land settlement commission, which he appointed a year ago to make a study of this question, be made permanent by proper legislation.

Another suggestion for aiding returning soldiers is that they be given

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TO FIND JOBS FOR ARMY MEN

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO BACK MOVEMENT.

Returned Soldiers Asked to Register with Community Labor Board—Red Cross President Promises Aid.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
That a united effort will be made on the part of the Bend Commercial club to see to it that no discharged soldier returning from service shall go jobless was the declaration this morning of T. H. Foley, president of the club, and also chairman of the community labor board. Mr. Foley has just returned from Portland, where the problem of providing for ex-army men is becoming more and more serious.

The question will be thoroughly looked into at the meeting of the Commercial club at the Pilot Butte Inn tomorrow noon, and in the meantime Mr. Foley asks that all men and boys coming back from either foreign or domestic service register at once at the office of the club manager in the O'Kane building. The offices of the club are to be moved within the next few days to the city rest room and will also be headquarters for the local labor board.

Reports that some of the boys recently discharged from the army had been unable to secure work on their return to Bend were taken up with J. P. Keyes, president of the Bend Red Cross chapter and manager of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co. plant, with the result that assurance was given that every effort will be made to provide places for the soldiers.

In regard to the situation at the mill, Mr. Keyes explained that because of the recent closing of the plant for its annual overhauling it had been necessary temporarily to lay off men, but that with operations again resumed returned soldiers would be given the preference in the matter of hiring help. He intimated that a better opportunity might exist in the woods than in the mill.

TOBACCO MONEY FOR SOLDIERS RECEIVED

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Acknowledgment of the sum of \$13, representing contributions to The Bulletin tobacco fund, is made in a letter received today from Louis J. Hunter, deputy comptroller of the American Red Cross. The money, which reached Washington on December 19, has already been applied to appropriations made by the Red Cross for the purchase of tobacco for soldiers in France.

"It is certain that nothing adds more to the material comfort and good cheer of the men in the service than an ample supply of tobacco," Mr. Hunter writes. "The American Red Cross heartily appreciates your continued co-operation and support."

CENTRAL OREGON AIMS GAINED AT STATE IRRIGATION CONGRESS

(From Monday's Daily.)
Eminently successful in what they had set out to accomplish for the development of Central Oregon, delegates from Bend to the state irrigation congress, which completed its annual session in Portland Saturday night, returned this morning. For the two chief offices of the congress, Central Oregon men were re-elected, J. H. Upton of Prineville being again president, while Fred N. Wallace of Tumalo continues as secretary. Moreover, the three leading resolutions passed by the irrigators have a direct bearing on the future of Central Oregon and the Deschutes project.

Report of the resolutions committee was submitted to the congress at the last session. Following is a digest of the resolutions adopted:

Indorsement of the Sinnott bill appropriating \$1,000,000,000 for reclamation and drainage.

Favoring federal aid for the development of the Deschutes project.

Urging state legislation to com-

plete Tumalo project, or to co-operate with United States or private interests for its completion.

Ask legislature to increase fund available for stream measurements to provide for reconstruction program of irrigation development.

Call upon state officials to investigate and file suits to recover school, school indemnity and swamp lands secured from state through fraud.

Rules amended so that each organization holding membership in Oregon Irrigation congress pay annual dues of \$5, payable in advance.

Recommendation to the legislature that a full appropriation for the maintenance of the Oregon bureau of mines and geology be granted.

Recommend change in law so that permits for use of water granted by state engineer may be made definite as to the right of holder to change place of proposed use.

Recommendation for proper in-

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IMPORTANCE OF THRIFT DAY GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE

National Thrift day is almost here, and for the benefit of those who are not sure as to just what that means a brief outline of the purpose and importance of the date is given.

National Thrift day comes on February 3, not simply this year, but every year. It is called National because it is observed throughout the entire nation. And its purpose is to focus attention and get action on the vital subject of thrift. It isn't a day to lay off—it is a day to get busy. It isn't a day for celebrating what our forefathers did a century or two ago—it is a day to do something ourselves. It is a day that has been sadly missing from the calendars among most of us until recent years—a day of reckoning with material facts as they stand, and laying out plans for improving them.

You wouldn't expect a business house to grow big and prosperous unless it keeps accounts and periodically summarizes them to see just where it stands. Neither can an individual depend upon getting ahead

unless he does the same thing. Thrift day is the day to do it—to review, to check up accounts, habits, health, ambitions and see where one stands. Also, to lay plans for the coming year with a view to growing—becoming better off. The first thing to do if you want to get ahead is to make dead sure that you don't do any sliding back. We learn a little more, do a little better, get into more advantageous associations perhaps, and gradually increase our incomes if conditions are favorable, but at the same time we grow rusty on some of the things we used to know, begin to enjoy our ease a little more, overlook some of our advantages and learn to increase our spending as fast or faster than our earning increase.

Yes, we make progress—we go forward a little, most days, but we also let ourselves slide back, and while often something may happen to keep us from getting forward, it is almost never that anything inter-

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