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THE NEW SENATOR

Governor Chamberlain Tells the Legislature That He Goes to the Senate Unfettered.

After his election Governor Chamberlain was escorted before the legislature and delivered a short address. He said:

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great honor that has been conferred upon me by you as the representative of the people of the state of Oregon. To those of you who voted for me from choice I feel peculiarly grateful, to those of you who voted for me because you were under an express but voluntary pledge to vote for the people's choice for senator, I want to say that you have shown a magnificent example of a determination to obey the peoples will without regard to party ties in that you have followed their instructions ever though there might have been others of your party for whom you preferred to vote in this emergency.

"For many years the people have demanded from the congress of the United States that there be submitted them an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of senators by the direct vote of the people. But their demands have been ignored and Oregon leads the way in legislation to secure rights which their representatives in congress have denied them. It can not be said that the law under which I have been elected is either a Republican or Democratic measure. It has been adopted by the people in a state with overwhelming Republican majority and men of all parties gave their adherence to it. It has come to stay and it is safe to predict that in the very near future other states in the union will follow the example of Oregon, the people will through the Oregon method exercise a controlling voice in the election of those who are to represent them in the United States senate. Those who take the position that a senator can not be chosen by the direct vote of the people until the federal constitution has been amended in that respect must remember that the initiative must be taken by the several states acting in their sovereign capacity.

"Let me say to you, gentlemen of the legislature that I go to Washington as your representative and as the representative of this magnificent commonwealth absolutely unfettered by any pledge to any person or to any party. I go as the servant of all the people to do (as God has given me the light to see it) my whole duty in furthering the moral, commercial and industrial interest of the state. In accomplishing this, no question of party is involved. I assume that all of you -Democrats Republicans and Independents alike- would vie with each other in doing what is best for the whole people. In this effort you can count upon my undivided effort and support.

"I will stand shoulder to shoulder in the senate of the United States with men of all parties for carrying out the broader policies which the president has stood for that go to make for a stronger nation and a richer state. In this no question of party should ever be involved. I think you will remember that at a time when congress was Democratic and Oregon was represented by Republicans in that body, larger and more general appropriations were made for the improvement of our rivers and harbors than have ever been made since. I think you will also remember that while Oregon was represented in the senate of the United States by one Republican and one Democrat the largest appropriation that was made for the improvement of Columbia river and notwithstanding the fact that the whole delegation in Congress at this time is Republican and congress is Republican. Oregon is receiving no appropriations for the improvement of her rivers

and harbors. it is an insult to the intelligence of the distinguished representatives in congress to say that a question of party should influence their judgment when they come to consider matters affecting one of the great commonwealths of the nation. I promise you my best efforts to assist in the improvement of our state and to secure the active cooperation of Democrats and Republicans alike in the senate of the United States to accomplish this result. The conservation of our natural resources, and Oregon in this respect is the richest state in the union the reclamation of our semi-arid regions will all be matters which will have my heartiest support.

"I agree with Democrats and Republicans alike who feel that there should be a revision of the tariff laws of the country. This is not, in my opinion, a political but an economic and revenue question and in respect to the revision thereof, I propose to so treat it, and the welfare of the people of my state, as affected by the tariff, will be with me the first consideration.

"It would be improper for me at this time to make an extended address. I simply repeat to you what I have said before in my public addresses, that, though a Democrat and adhering to fundamental principles I place principle above party, my country and my state above all else and party ties will rest lightly on my shoulders, I assure you, wherever any question arises as to what is best for the people whose servant I am."

Banks Consolidate.

The Commercial National and American National Banks of Pendleton have consolidated. The new institution will continue under the name of the American National Bank. The controlling interest in the latter bank was purchased by W. L. Thompson and associates of the Commercial National. T. J. Morris is president and W. L. Thompson cashier of the new bank.

FARMERS UNION STATE MEETING

Chas. S. Barrett National President Will Be Here February 6.

What promises to be the greatest gathering of farmers ever held in Umatilla county will be held in this city, Saturday, February 6.

The occasion will be the big state meeting of the Farmer's Educational and Co-Operative Union. From the fact that the meeting is to be addressed by the Union's national president Chas. S. Barrett, of Georgia, and that Athena is honored as the chosen place for holding the official state meeting interest that otherwise would not have been shown, is being manifested in the success of the gathering.

State Organizer Cox is in this vicinity and will remain until after the meeting. He is working up interest among the farmers. The object of the meeting is to make arrangements for establishing a system of warehouses, the purchase of grain sacks and the marketing of crops, and the organization of a Union in Athena with a membership of at least 200 farmers.

Mr. Barrett, the national president of the union presides at but one meeting in each state. From here he goes to Spokane, at which place the Washington state meeting will be held, and where hundreds of farmers will attend.

The Athena meeting will be addressed by President Barrett, who will explain what the farmers' cooperative movement is accomplishing in the different states; Dr. Blalock on cooperative systems in general; H. B. G. Cox on organization; F. A. Sykes on matters of union interest.

Mr. Cox has enlisted the interest of farmers of Adams, Pendleton and Helix in the Athena meeting and large numbers will be present from these places. His work will be here and at Weston during the coming week.

Beer Divorced From Whiskey

Representative McCue has introduced in the house of representatives a measure designed to divide the prohibition law on the question of beer and whiskey. The bill is said to be backed by the hop growers of Oregon who complain that since Oregon is rapidly becoming a "dry" state, brewers in other states are blacklisting Oregon hops. This is the first time that an attempt has been made to divorce beer from whiskey in a local option law.

Walla Walla Tourists.

The Walla Walla excursionists who had been tied up at Santa Barbara for several days on account of California floods arrived at Los Angeles Monday evening when they were entertained under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

Mass Meeting.

Annual mass meeting for the nomination of officers to be voted for at the annual City election, Tuesday, March 2, 1909, will be held in the City Hall, Saturday, January 30, at 7:30 p. m.

J. D. Plamondon, Mayor.

STATE TAX TANGLE

Recent Decision of Supreme Court Promises Untold Complications In Illegal Plan.

The following taken from the Pendleton East Oregonian will be found of interest to Umatilla county tax payers: The foresight of Assessor C. P. Strain in changing the basis of valuation in Umatilla county from 100 cents on the dollar to 70 cents made by him to cover the assessment of 1908 was demonstrated in the decision of the Supreme court rendered by Justice Bean in the Yamhill county case. The possibility of such a decision and the resulting complications were the reasons for the change in the method of assessment made by Mr. Strain and as a result even a change to the apportionment of state taxes upon the basis of the assessed valuation of the county will work no injustice to Umatilla county taxpayers.

The decision of the court rendered by Justice Bean declared the present system of apportionment unequal and unconstitutional, hence it is held that the state has no right to collect the tax. Hence if any taxpayer pays the amount of his tax under protest and then brings suit to compel its return the supreme court of the state has practically said it will give him his money back.

Another grave possibility is that other taxes may be held up by the tangle, for taxpayers are likely to refuse to pay the state tax at all and the usual practice of tax collectors has been to render one bill for all branches of the tax and to refuse to accept part payment. If this policy should be pursued all the machinery would be stopped and the enforcement of the unprotested tax by separate suits would be an unthinkable process. The probable policy, it is safe to predict would be to allow the payment of other taxes until the state tax problem can be worked out.

According to Tax Collector Funk of the sheriff's office the effect of the decision, should the taxpayers of the county refuse to pay would simply be to charge them with the costs of litigation, as if the state should not receive taxes for the present year it would run through the coming year on a deficit which would have to be made up in the year to come so that the legal assessment next year for the expenses of the state would probably be double that of the year past should the taxpayers take advantage of the decision and refuse to pay up.

Since then the state is in a position where it is seriously threatened with no income during the coming year it is believed that some new method will be devised by the present legislature, applicable to the recently completed assessment whereby the difficulty will be solved. One plan is to accept the various valuations of the counties as given in by the assessors and taking the sum needed by the state to apportion it among the counties upon such a basis.

Of course the city, county and district taxes are not affected by the tangle over the state payment except in so far as they may be complicated by refusal of tax collectors to accept a portion of a property owner's tax without all of it being paid. Payment under protest will undoubtedly be permitted, but many will doubtless refuse to pay the state tax at all, being advised in advance by the supreme court that it cannot be collected legally, and knowing that if paid, a long delay and possible litigation might result before the state portion of the tax would be returned.

Since the above was in type, an emergency bill, drawn on the suggestion of Justice Bean, providing for state tax apportionment to be equalized by the state board, has been passed by the legislature. The state board comprises the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer.

Bluestem at \$1.07.

At Portland a sale of bluestem is reported on the basis of \$1.07 a bushel basis tidewater delivery and still another is reported at \$1.08 a bushel, but the latter cannot be confirmed. The Portland market for wheat is very firm but so little supplies are being offered that prices as quoted are nominal. While actual transactions have of late been made at these figures it is hard to say exactly what the market is for so many different values being offered.

Introduce Bill Jointly.

Umatilla and Baker county delegations have agreed to introduce a bill jointly for the establishment of a branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon. It is proposed to leave the location of the institution to the state board which consists of the governor, the secretary of state and state treasurer.

Fruit Prospects.

There is but little difference of opinion with Milton orchardists as to the effects of the recent cold snap on fruit prospects. Orchardists are generally agreed that the crop of 1909 will be augmented rather than cur-

tailed by the snow and zero weather. Their only concern now is for favorable weather until after blossoms fall, as great damage would no doubt ensue in case of a hard freeze following warm days. However, with the usual mild spring the yield this year will be better than last and the total production a third larger owing to the maturity of many young orchards.

Baptist Church Notes.

The revival meetings at the Baptist church are continuing with increasing interest, and we pray for a great outpouring of God's Spirit on this city. The services on Sunday will be as follows: Bible School at 10 a. m. and Pastor Ryder gives a cordial invitation to all the young men of the city who go nowhere else to join his class. The age limit is 14 to 25. Preaching by the Pastor at 11 o'clock and the evening service will be a Union in the M. E. Church when Pastor Ryder will preach. Don't miss these services. The revival meetings will probably close on Tuesday evening of next week February 3.

Christian Church.

Ellis B. Harris, pastor of the Christian church, has returned and services will be resumed next Sunday. An earnest invitation is extended to all to be present. Preparation is being made for the evangelistic meetings which will commence according to schedule, Tuesday Feb. 7. We hope all will rally to this work. Rousing services Sunday. You can't afford to miss them.

Train Service Again.

Spokane passenger train No. 7 passed through Athena and over the damaged track at Eastland Monday evening for the first time since the flood, and Tuesday regular train service was resumed over the Walla Walla branch. Men and teams are now engaged in making permanent repairs to the track.

DO NOT FAVOR SALARY RAISE

Athena Tax Payers Send Protest to Smith and Barrett.

Athena taxpayers are unanimously opposed to a raise in the salary of any county official at this time and have so protested by mailing liberally signed protests to State Senator Smith and Representative Barrett.

The matter was called to the attention of the people here by private letter from Representative Barrett, requesting the sentiment of Athena taxpayers in the proposed increase of the county Judge's salary from \$1200 to \$1800 per year.

The contents of the letter were not long in arousing interest and soon two petitions, one to Mr. Barrett and the other to Mr. Smith were ready for signatures.

The petitions not only entered protest against raising the salary of County Judge but also against an increase in salary of any county official.

Tompkins-Hall.

Mr. John Tompkins and Miss May Hall were married in Walla Walla on Thursday, January 21, 1909. The groom is the well known farmer who is running the extensive farm lands of the Tompkins place northwest of town, and the bride is a young lady residing near College Place, Wash. who was following the vocation of trained nurse until, overcome by the persuasive tongue of the genial young farmer, she decided to become his housekeeper. They immediately took up their residence at the farm and were this week in visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tompkins in this city, parents of the groom. Johnnie many Athena friends will join the Press in congratulations.

Free Instruction in Horticulture.

A six weeks course in Horticulture is now under way at the Agricultural College, Corvallis, and there is a large attendance from different parts of the state the attendance being more than double that of last year. Some of the most interesting work in the course is yet to come. Many fruit-growers are unable to attend the course for the entire six weeks, but are able to come for a few days or several weeks. The course is open to them at any time. There will be two weeks more of apple-packing and work in budding and grafting. In addition to this, special lectures are given on the various phases of fruit-growing, truck gardening, and landscape gardening.

Seeks Pardon for Lucy.

D. B. Watson is circulating a petition for the pardon of W. H. Lucy, at one time a resident of Pendleton, but now serving a sentence of 10 years at Salem for killing a bartender in Grant county. According to Mr. Watson, the East Oregonian, Lucy was marshal of an interior town and had been ordered to clean out vice. His warning to the bar tender in a questionable saloon was followed by an assault from the mixologist who was shot by the marshal in the struggle.

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