

MEIER BEGINS ON BUSINESS REIGN

More Than 100 per Cent Increase Found in Past Century.

Portland.—Spring house cleaning appears to have been started and to be well on its way at the state capitol. Nearly every succeeding day the swish of the broom is heard in one corner or the other of the antique pile and the theme song of the state appointees as they move apprehensively about their wonted tasks is "Tell me do you love me? Tell me softly, sweetly as of old."

Right now the dust is hovering more densely above the industrial accident commission, causing symptoms of hay fever in surrounding boards, commissions and departments. First the governor swept out the old commission, boots and baggage, since which the three new members have been digging in the corners more industriously. Some 20 of the personnel of that department are due to blow out the window, according to advance notices coming down from Salem.

Prior to that executive act Highway Commissioner Gates read in the newspapers that his official scalp had been lifted and Charles K. Spaulding given his job.

Mark McCallister walked the plank as corporation commissioner to let Representative James Mott get on the payroll, since which, incidentally, McCallister has given public notice that he intends to seek the state treasurership at the 1932 primary election. Tom Kay, who now is serving his second consecutive term in that office, cannot seek re-election under the limitations of the state constitution, thus leaving the field open to all comers.

Mrs. Walter M. Pierce was given the place of Aubrey R. Watzek on the board of higher education on the eve of publication of the survey of the educational institutions just made public, which survey has been awaited by the board as a basis upon which it could act in readjusting the activities of those institutions.

And, not to permit the blood pressure of those on the state payroll to drop back to normal, the governor during the latter part of the week told the two other members of the board of control and the assembled administrative heads of the major institutions that operating costs had to come down and, more, that he believed they could be lowered by 10 per cent without hampering necessary activities.

Also, while all the payroll was standing uneasily on the spot, Pub-

State Board of Education Confronted With Problem of Duplication

Portland.—Put in the position of deciding upon some plan of reorganization of the state's higher educational institutions to eliminate in so far as possible duplication of all kinds and reduce expenditures, the state board of higher education stands confronted with the biggest task of its two years' existence.

Before it is the report of the United States office of education outlining the results of the survey conducted in the state last year of the state university, the state college and the three normal schools.

Also, it has before it the suggestion of Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, new member of the board, that instead of having five separate schools they be consolidated into one statewide university under one head with each school serving as a department of the whole.

Then, too, there is the letter from Governor Meier in which he calls upon the board to cut its costs of education to the minimum, reducing expenditures as far as possible, at the same time maintaining a high standard of learning at each of the schools.

As if that is not enough to add a few gray hairs to the heads of the nine members of the board, there is hovering in the background the threat of the farmers and tax leagues to invoke the referendum on the appropriation of \$1,181,000 approved by the last legislature for operation of the schools in the next biennium.

This last work has already been given its due recognition by the board in the adoption of a resolution by C. C. Colt of Portland in which the board went on record as favoring the saving of approximately \$1,500,000 in the last 18 months of the biennium.

Adoption of this resolution means that in the very near future drastic cuts must be made in the budgets of the five schools and the result of this will mean a distinct curtailment of activities together with elimination of personnel of the faculties.

The Utilities Commissioner Charles Thomas sent word to various of the big utilities that they were to be called on the carpet as to telephone rates, streetcar tariffs in Portland, light and power schedules throughout the state, and told them to get their dope in hand and be ready to show cause why there should be no reductions ordered.

It has been suggested, at least, in connection with the changes and reductions in the personnel of the industrial accident commission that back of what has been, and yet is to be done is the desire to reduce the overhead of that department to the bone in order that such reduction may offset in so far as possible the lowered income due to general depression and lapsed operation in the industrial field.

AMERICAN LIVING STANDARDS CHANGE

Swishes of the New Broom Is Being Felt in State Departments.

Oregon State College.—Human nature never changes, so they say, but human likes and dislikes seem to have changed considerably during the past century, at least in the United States. General standards of living for all classes in this country have increased more than 100 per cent during that period, according to N. H. Comish, professor of economics and sociology at Oregon State college.

Among the significant changes during this progress has been the increased use of some goods and the decrease in others. In foods, for instance, Dr. Comish points out that the per capita consumption of flour has fallen in the past 30 years from 224 to 176 pounds. Corn has decreased from 120 to 46 pounds, beef from 67 pounds to 62 pounds and rye flour from 7 pounds to 2.6 pounds.

The consumption of sugar, on the other hand, has grown in 30 years from 68 pounds to 109 pounds per capita. In the same time, the use of fruits has increased from 173 to 178 pounds. Tobacco consumption has risen from 5.8 pounds to 7.3 pounds per capita, and approximately 12 per cent more milk is being used now than 30 years ago. Most noticeable of all has been the increased consumption of vegetable oils, which in 1900 was 61 per cent greater than in 1920.

The quality of many of these commodities has also changed for the better, Dr. Comish says. Better quality fruits and vegetables are coming to the American dining table now than in 1930, and more first-class eggs, butter, nuts and similar foods are consumed.

The highest living standards are also manifest in clothes, houses and house furnishings, vehicles and entertainments, Dr. Comish points out.

Roy Cannon Improving
Dr. Ben Bateman informs the Press that Roy Cannon, whom he is treating, is gradually improving. During one part of the treatment, while on the table Roy's exercise is to place his feet against the doctor's body and push. Recently when his feet were placed for exercise he pushed so quick and hard that the force made the doctor rock back on his heels, which caused a good laugh from both. The doctor says Roy seems encouraged by improvement in his health.

Beverly Barrett is one of the latest victims of measles.

High School Notes

Neglected Lessons?

(Leland Jenkins)
School is a business as much as a grocery store is a business. A student cannot get up and leave his lessons whenever he feels like it, any more than a store keeper can leave his store at will. If he does, what becomes of his store and customers? They quit and go someplace where they can get good efficient service. The same is true with the student; if he fails to get his lessons, his grades show it.

This week starts the last six weeks of the school term. It doesn't take much neglect to bring a student's daily grades down to a "4," and then if he gets a low six weeks' test grade he has that much less chance of passing. After the six weeks' test, comes the semester test, and a student must know his subject to pass this test because it covers all that he has taken in the last semester.

Dr. Bossing Speaks

A pleasant surprise awaited the student body when they gathered in the auditorium Monday morning. The surprise was in the way of a talk by Dr. Bossing of the U. of O. A few songs were sung under the direction of Mrs. Bloom at the start of the assembly. Mr. Bloom introduced the speaker to the student body. Dr. Bossing then gave an interesting talk on the requirements of an educated man. He gave the illustration of a man who was trying to get a job as a coach. The schools that wanted a coach had to have character, first; ability to teach, second; and ability to coach, third. He said that integrity of character was the main requirement in life. His talk was in a very pleasing style and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Dr. Bossing was accompanied by Professor Beatie, also of the U. of O.

Glee Club Progressing

What a rapid progress! The glee club learns one song, sings it at some entertainment and then goes on to a new song. No one can lay down on the job and keep up with the rest of the singers. Parts are taken separately, then put together. Just now the different parts are starting to sing together on "The Cheery Lights of Home," contest piece to be sung at La Grande, April 18. Another selection will also be sung, which will be chosen from those already learned.

Honor Roll

Stop! Listen! Look at the bright ones on the honor roll this six weeks period. Is your name here?

Seniors are Stafford Hansell, fifth time; Emery Rogers, third time; Juniors are Betty Eager, fifth time; Marjorie Douglas, fifth time; Mildred Hansell, third time. Sophomores, Bonnie Alkire, fourth time. Freshman, Walter Singer, fifth time.

The honor roll is diminishing. Can't we do something about it? Of course, we can. Listen in on this, all of you that have been on the honor roll get back on it. The rest of you have one chance left to make your first time. Don't let these above named beat you again.

Presidential Race

A student body meeting was held Wednesday, April 1, to decide whether to have an annual. It was decided to have one. A committee was appointed to investigate and decide about the weiner roast. A student body meeting was held Monday, April 6, to nominate part of the officers for next year. The following officers were nominated:
President, Lowell Jenkins, Marjorie Douglas, Vice-president, Garth Pinkerton, Betty Eager, Secretary and treasurer, Arleen Myrick. The rest of the officers will be nominated to-day when these will be voted on.

Helix Defeats Athena

In the first game of the season, the Grizzlies defeated Athena in a fast seven-inning game at Helix, Friday, April 3, by a score of 6-2. Athena was first up and as a result of two hits Jenkins crossed the plate for the first score. Neither team was able to score further during the early part of the game. By bunching hits in the fourth and sixth innings Helix was able to score four runs. Athena errors aided in running up these and Helix only made two earned runs. Considering the inexperience of several of the players and the shape of the practice field in Athena the game was very well played. Huffman turned in a good game on the mound and showed mid-season form during the game. The lineup: J. Moore, catcher; Huffman, pitcher; Hansell, 1b; Pickett, 2b; Lowell Jenkins, ss; J. Weber, rf; R. Moore, 3rd Geissel, lf; J. Wilson, cf.

Grades

Winifred Wilson was absent from the third grade Monday.
Those absent from the fifth and sixth grades Monday were:
Junior Banister, Gail McLean, Ruth Street, Paul Kibbey, Beverly Barrett and Frances Alkire.
Jay Scott from Salem entered the seventh grade here Monday.
The seventh and eighth grade boys will play the Helix grades in baseball here Saturday.
The grades are preparing for the track meet which is to be held in Helix, Saturday, April 18.

George Sams who farms near Weston was an Athena visitor Monday.

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A Large Potato Crop Looms in This State—Poultry Is Now Stable

Oregon State College.—Prospects for a big crop of potatoes this year are indicated in a late potato outlook statement just released by the Oregon State college extension service. Farmers apparently plan to plant 10 per cent more acres than in 1929 and 1930. With yields in line with the general trend during recent years, production may be one-fourth greater than in either of the past two years.

"The available information on the prospective supply and demand conditions suggests that the potato market situation during the 1931-32 marketing season may resemble that of 1928-29 when surplus production caused extremely low prices," says the college report.

The average yield of potatoes in the United States was low in 1930 and 1929 because of drought. In the Pacific Northwest, however, good crops were harvested especially in 1930.

Greater stability in Oregon's commercial egg and chick hatchery business than prevails in other sections is apparent from a report on the agricultural situation just released. The number of salable chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries in Oregon during February was reported as 14 per cent more than in 1930, while for the whole country there was a decrease of over 37 per cent.

"Oregon egg producers apparently intend to profit from the market outlook information they received earlier in the season," the college economists say. "These reports pointed out that the demand for eggs is expected to improve and the supply to be less during the 1931-32 marketing season."

Because of the sharp cut in chick hatchings in California and Washington, there was a decrease of almost 40 per cent for the three Pacific Coast states combined. Heavy reductions in hatchery operations in the Mountain group of states resulted in nearly 50 per cent fewer chicks hatched in February.

The good reputation which has been established for the Oregon bred poultry has been a factor in stabilizing the demand for chicks in this state.

Artichoke King

J. B. Moomaw, artichoke king of Coos County and largest hog raiser, has secured national fame for his system of growing artichokes and his system of ringing four out of five hogs, leaving one with a free snout to root artichokes for the other four. Shipments of the tubers have been going to all parts of the country, recent orders were filled for Vincennes, Ind., and Loveland, Ohio.

Appropriation Is Made for the Wallula Cutoff

Portland.—Determination to proceed with the construction of the Wallula cut-off highway; the resignation of the Portland-Oregon City east side route as super-highway on the state program, and authorization of expenditure of an additional \$942,000 of federal aid funds on Oregon highways, was reached at an executive meeting of the state highway commission here last week.

A total of \$200,000 from the new appropriation was authorized for the Wallula cut-off. This will include grading and resurfacing of twelve miles out of Umatilla.

Bids on this and other projects will be let within a month, it was said. An appropriation of \$75,000 for improvement of the Old Oregon Trail four miles east of Durkee, was authorized.

Action on the Wallula highway finally brought to a conclusion a controversy over the road over a period of years. The cut-off consists of about 20 miles in Oregon and six miles in Washington. The route is designated to eliminate 30 miles between Portland and Spokane.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Charles A. Sias, Minister
The Athena congregation is a unit in itself, with no outside authority or machinery. Congregational government; special plea is for unity of all Christian people, with the New Testament alone as authority and rule of faith and practice; large liberty of opinion. Worship and sermon each Sunday morning and evening. Bible school 10 a. m. Young people meet at 6:30; mid-week devotional and Bible study Wednesday night.

Mr. Sias will be absent Sunday, but there will be the regular morning service. A detailed and most interesting report from Russell Morse in far Tibet will be presented by Mrs. Sias. It will be very helpful for all who hear. Mr. Sias will be supplying in Pendleton in the temporary absence of their regular minister. In the evening the intermediate and junior C. E. Societies meet at six-thirty as usual.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Gerald C. Dryden, Minister
10:00 a. m. Come prepared to furnish to our superintendent, who is taking the part of "Doubting Thomas," proof of the Resurrection of Christ. 11:00 a. m. Sermon topic, "The Proper Meaning of Church Membership." 6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. topic, "How Far Dare We Practice the Brother-

hood of Man." 7:30 p. m. Sermon topic, "First Things First." 7:30 p. m. Thursday Prayer Meeting.
"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."—Isa. 55:6.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our thanks to all who so kindly assisted us and for the many acts of kindness extended in our bereavement, during the illness and death of our brother, Sanford C. Stone.

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