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MUST WORK FOR ALL WESTERN HARBORS

U. S. Senator Robert N. Stanfield Urges People of Entire Pacific Coast to Lay Aside Jealousies and Unite in Determined Pull for All Available Harbors.

In the following short article, United States Senator Stanfield of Oregon presents facts concerning the appropriations for the rivers and harbors:

The program for river and harbor work as outlined by the Army Engineer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1923, calls for an expenditure of $56,589,410, of which $13,476,280 is required for maintenance and $43,113,130 for improvements.

The War Department recommended an appropriation by Congress of $56,589,410 to carry on the work.

The Budget Bureau cut this and recommended an appropriation of $27,600,000.

The Appropriations Committee in the House have given some consideration to these recommendations and the indications are they will report and recommend to the House the amount named by the Budget Bureau.

Unless the amount is increased to approximately $50,000,000 or more we can not expect much work on the Pacific Coast this year, and all new projects authorized at the last session of Congress will not even be started.

The big immediate, natural crop, now ready for harvest on the Pacific slope is our timber. Over half of all the saw timber in the United States is in the three states of Washington, Oregon and California.

The big, rapidly increasing market for our timber is in the Atlantic States, where half the population of the United States live, and are now being penalized in high construction costs and exhorbitant rents.

Transcontinental freight rates are almost prohibitive, being more than the average value of the lumber on the cars at western mills and from $12 to $18 per thousand feet more than present water rates, which we may confidently expect to be reduced as our chain of water transportation is developed.

This chain is now complete with the one exception of sufficient harbors on the Pacific coast. The Atlantic coast ports have been improved with millions upon millions of Federal money; the Panama Canal has justified its construction and operation and great fleets of vessels are lying idle.

If our western ports were properly developed to receive vessels of sufficient draft to justify the long trip, we could reduce the cost of building material to the eastern consumer from $20 to $30 per thousand feet.

This fact must be impressed on the eastern Congressmen, and when it is, we can expect their support of sufficient appropriations to carry on the work.

The people of the entire Pacific Coast must lay aside all jealousies and community differences, unite, or organize and with a grim determination fight for the proper improvement of ALL available harbors on the Pacific Coast.

Congressmen are reasonable human beings, and when the facts are laid before them where they can see the advantages to the whole country and particularly to the populous eastern States, we will have no trouble in getting the necessary appropriations.

One for all and all for one must be our slogan if we are to win in a big way.

Strawberries Blooming, Ripening In January

Blooming and ripening strawberries in Morrow county in January is a feautre presented in the garden at the farm home of E. E. Rugg on Rhea creek, and evidence of this fact was today presented at this office by Mrs. Rugg. A stem containing several newly formed berries and one fully matured and ripe was handed us as proof that the claim could be substantiated. The weather the past ten days has been quite warm at the mouth of McKinney creek, where Mr. Rugg lives, and it has had its effects on the vines and berry bushes in the garden. However, indications of winter prevail out that way just now. While it rained most of the night in Heppner, there was quite a fall of snow in the foothills, with about two inches in the Rugg vicinity. Mrs. Rugg was accompanied to the city by her father, A. E. Wright, of Hardman.

Dancing

Variety adds to your evening's fun
And makes long hours as one.
A novelty dance and maybe you'll run
Away with a prize—do come.

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Yes, variety adds, and so our next will be a feature dance. Something interesting. No not miss it.

Saturday, Jan. 13

FAIR PAVILION
Heppner

9 to 12 $1.10

Mothers and Dads Invited

Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Chick celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on last Friday evening at their sary in Heppner, when a party was held in their honor. The party was in the nature of a surprise and was planned by their son Charles, whose idea was to get together as many as possible of his parents' old friends and associates from Ione.

Substantial and dainty refreshments had been prepared for the event, and there was a regular, good, old-fashioned time had by all the guests present.

Mr. and Mrs. Chick were the recipients of a beautiful silver platter, besides many other lovely and useful gifts.

The list of guests present included Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Livingstone and daughter Lois of Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engelman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith, Mrs. E. J. Bristow, Mrs. Corson, Mrs. Kellar, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Mrs. Petteys, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Dell Ray, all of Ione; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McNamer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cason, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buhchke, Miss Nellie Flynn, of Heppner.

Telephone Company Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Sand Hollow Telephone company was held on last Saturday afternoon in Heppner, at which time a report of the business of the company for the past year was presented and the election of officers was held, the following being chosen: M. J. Devin, president; W. G. McCarty, vice-president; R. W. Turner, secretary; E. S. Duran, treasurer; O. A. Devin and W. R. Tucker, linemen; the board of officers with the addition of J. G. Doherty and W. B. Barratt constitute the executive committee.

TOWN IN TEXAS CLAIMS TO BE 382 YEARS OLD

A tradition which has been handed down through many generations of West Texas and New Mexican pioneers has it that the little town of Ysleta, Tex., eighteen miles southeast of El Paso, is the oldest settlement in the United States.

According to this tradition, Ysleta was founded in 1540 by Don Francisco Vasquez Coronado, famed Spanish explorer. This would make Ysleta twenty-five years older than St. Augustine, Fla., which is accredited as being the oldest city in this country.

Yet there are no official records to substantiate the theory of Ysleta's antiquity. It is old, the oldest town in Texas, no doubt, but its origin is traceable only as far back as 1682, authoritatively.

According to church records at Ysleta, the town was founded by Antonio Otermin, Spanish governor of New Mexico, about the year 1682.—Detroit News.

A large crowd of fans witnessed the boxing match at the Fair pavilion on Monday afternoon, and they were treated to some real sport in this line. The main event was between Ahalt of Ione and Marcus of Portland, which ended in a draw at the end of four rounds. Local boys furnished the preliminaries, Harry Turner and Harvey Bauman being the chief attraction and putting up a good exhibition in which Turner took second money. Other local lads were Wright and Mead, Conner and McAlister, Bucknum and White, Hall and Matteson and Gemmell and Mead.

The Worm Turns.

An engineer was giving evidence in a case in which a farmer was suing a railway company for damages resulting from the death of a cow which had been run into by a train.

The farmer's lawyer was heckling the engineer, and kept reverting to his pet question, which was:

"Now, tell me, was the cow on the track?"

At last the engineer became angry and answered the question:

"Well, if you want me to tell the real truth, the cow was bathing in the stream the other side of the track. But the engine saw, leaped off the rails, dashed over the bank, and, landing right on top of the cow, strangled it to death without a word."—Engineering.

Olcott Has No Regrets

Retiring Executive Expresses Appreciation of Confidence and Good Will of the People.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 3.—"In retiring from office I deeply appreciate the confidence and good will of the people of Oregon during my 12 years of public life. I retire with no regrets and only the best wishes for Governor-elect Pierce and his administration,' said Governor Olcott today, addressing the Rotary club at the Marion hotel.

Governor Olcott continues silent as to his future plans. He says he has several things in mind and will remain in Oregon for at least a few months. For about two months he intends to rest and he declared he would not be about the legislative halls during the approaching session.

At the conclusion of his address to the Rotarians the governor was warmly eulogized by Thomas B. Kay, who long has been associated with Mr. Olcott in state politics.

"Of all the men whom I have known or worked with," said Mr. Kay, "I never met one for whom I had such respect and honor as for Governor Olcott."

Cartoon Review of 1922

STATE BANK OFFICERS ARE ARRESTED

Portland Bankers Accused of Accepting Deposits When Bank Was Known Insolvent.—Three Former Officers Charged.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 2.—Three former officers of the defunct State Bank of Portland, LeRoy D. Walker, president; Conrad P. Olson, vice-president, and Anthon Eckern, vise-president, were arrested yesterday as a result of secret indictments returned against them by the county grand jury Saturday. A fourth officer, E. T. Growell, also named in the indictment, is in California. Friends will deposit bail tomorrow to prevent him being returned under guard from the south.

The four men are jointly charged in three indictments with receiving deposits, knowing the bank to be insolvent. Walker and Eckern are also charged in one indictment with wilful misappropriation of bank funds.

Warrants were served formally on the three men yesterday, but the men were spared the humiliation of a trip to jail. They were released by Circuit Judge Tazwell on their own recognizance, until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The investigation, which resulted in the indictments, has been under way for the last three months. The result was no surprise to the accused men. Walker frankly admitted to the deputy sheriff who served the warrant that he was expecting such a visitation.

Walker branded the charge as false and stated that he welcomed an opportunity to disprove them. Eckern denied criminal responsibility, saying that he knew little of the management of the bank. Olson, technically because he was an officer of the bank, stated that he had lost the savings of a lifetime, even his home, and said he expected complete vindication of any wrongdoing.

"When the cases go to trial," said Stanley Myers, district attorney, "especially those cases of misapplication of funds against Walker and Eckern, the public of Portland will know why the bank failed, regardless of the outcome."

The state prosecutor refused to review or outline the evidence against the four bankers, beyond stating that the state is ready to prove the charge it has made.

The probe was commenced just three months ago, after charges and counter charges had been hurled and several lawsuits had been filed by the various officials against one another.

Enterprise, Wallowa county, suffered a fire on Wednesday morning, when the City hotel, operated by Mrs. H. Cook, was destroyed. The Enterprise State Bank building and the O. K. theater were threatened with destruction, but the fire was kept from spreading and doing further damage.

Morrow county's newly elected officials were sworn in on Wednesday and have assumed thir duties. Treasurer Briggs will have his office in the court house as announced heretofore, and all business of the county will now be done from that quarter.

Mrs. Brundage Was One Of Earliest Settlers Here

Mrs. Nancy Brundage, who was called by death at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Robert Owen, at the head of Rhea creek on last Thursday night, was one of the very earliest settlers of the Heppner country. With her husband, E. A. Brundage, she came to this part of Oregon and settled a mile and a half east of Heppner on Balm Fork about 42 years ago. With the exception of two short periods of time, her residence here has been continuous.

Nancy Wallace was born in West Union, Stephen county, New York, and was married to E. A. Brundage in that state on March 25, 1840. She died on December 28, 1922 at the advanced age of 82 years, 8 months and 28 days. In coming to this country, she crossed the plains to San Francisco with her husband, and from there they came to Portland by boat and thence to Eastern Oregon by the usual conveyance in vogue at that time, settling, as stated above, on the Brundage farm near Heppner. Mr. Brundage died about 25 years ago. To them one daughter was born, the late Mrs. Albert Osmin. Besides her grandchildren here, the members of Mr. Osmin's family, she is survived by two sisters and one brother residing in the east. For many years she has made her home with her granddaughter, Mrs. Owen, and had returned from New York state during the past year, it being her request that she might spend her last days in this vicinity, where she had lived so long.

Her funeral was held from the Federated church in this city Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. R. L. Haslam, and burial was in Masonic cemetery. Mrs. Brundage was a life-long member of the Methodist church.

Pastime Is Burglarized.

The place of business of Curran & Barr in the Elks' building was forcibly entered during Saturday night and the cash register relieved of its contents, amounting to some $20. Access to the building was gained through a small window in the toilet and then the back door was forced open from the inside.

It would appear to be the work of boys as it would not be possible for a fair-sized man to have gotten through so small a window. Officers are working on the case, but so far as we are able to learn, no arrests have been made.

It is reported here also that some burglaries have been committed of late both at Hardman and Parkers Mill, but we could not get any particulars.

NOTICE.

To Dog Owners: Compliance with Section 9367, Olson's Oregon Laws, will be required of all parties having dogs, after January 1st, 1923.

Penalty as provided for failure to comply with this law is a fine of $10 for each and every month of the owner's failure to comply. License may be had by applying to the County Clerk.

GEO. McDUFFEE, Sheriff.

Max Crandall, of the firm of Crandall and Roberts, public accountants, has been in Heppner during the past week, experting the books of the various county officials.

CUPID A SLACKER IN 1922 IN THIS COUNTY

September Was Best Month for Marriages in Morrow County, With Total Number Less Than For Many Years.—List Given.

Marriages in Morrow county for the past year were less than for many years past, and in this respect Dan Cupid has been a slacker. The records at the court house show that just 30 couples launched out on the sea of matrimony in this county in 1922, and September seems to have been the banner month. The list of marriages follows:

January 21, Guy Wagner and Ruth French.

Febuary 10, Adam J. Knoblock and Emma C. Fuller.

Feb. 23, Clayton T. Ayers and Bertha Ritchie.

Feb. 25, Ralph Jackson and Cecilia Scott.

March 22, Carl Lacont and Delma Lamb.

April 10, Richard H. Quackenbush and Rena Persigeht.

April 16, Loren E. Mikesell and Gladystine Davis.

April 18, Wm. A. Duncan and Ella O. Pleiss.

May 9, James F. Honck and Mrs. Belle McMurray.

May 15, Charles F. Groom and Etta Groom.

May 27, Walter Lyons and Edna Bauman.

June 15, James E. Eskelson and Ethel E. Mikesell.

June 19, Henry Gorger and Sylva McCarty.

July 1, Burgan Ledbetter and Leta Nix.

July 28, L. L. Williamson and Helen Dodd.

September 2, Edward Reitmann and Ruth Van Vacter.

Sept. 7, Roy E. Beymer and Gladys M. Howell.

Sept. 12, James Stevens and Gracie Simons.

Sept. 18 Geo. A. Walker and Lettie Ritchie.

Sept. 27, Walter Rood and Helen Schunk.

Sept. 23, Wayne L. Schriver and Ollie Cox.

October 4, William C. Hastings and Alice McDaniel.

Oct. 5, William M. Cork and Anna Cork.

Oct. 28, W. V. Crawford and Isabel Wilson.

November 25, Chas. J. Osmin and Maude Babcock.

December 19, Hiram A. West and Blanche McMurray.

Dec. 26, W. H. I. Padberg and Gladys Irene Allstott.

Dec. 28, Leonard H. Rill and Ninon Huston.

Dec. 30, W. H. Tucker and Cora Mildred Harrison.

The county court convened in regular session at the court house yesterday, with Commissioners Davidson and Benge and Judge Campbell in attendance, and the usual large amount of county business that has to be attended to on the first of the year appeared on the docket. Mr. Benge is the new member of the court, coming in upon the retirement of G. A. Bleakman, who was a faithful servant of the people during the past four years.

BETTER MARKETING IS FARMERS' NEED

Overproduction of Crops is Called Misnomer.—Farm Bloc Is Doing Its Part Is Assertion of California Organizer.

Overproduction of farm yields is a misnomer, and every time in recent years when there has seemed to have been overproduction, there was famin somewhere on the earth. What is wrong is the breaking down of distribution through lack of a comprehensive marketing system.

This was the opinion expressed Tuesday by A. L. Lovelace, ex-manager of organization for the California farm bureau federation, who was in Portland and who is interested in the state development programme proposed by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Farm Bloc Does Its Part.

"Unquestionably the farm bloc is doing its part," said Mr. Lovelace, "to bring about better conditions, but congress cannot do it all; the farmer must participate in the movement for better conditions. In the past the farmer has been inclined to consider the problem a merely local one, and he has refused to co-operate even with his local middleman, banker and others. He is now coming to see that all must work together to solve the questions that confront him.

"California is farther advanced in the profitable marketing of its farm products than any other state in the union, due chiefly to the fact that the agriculturists of that state are well organized and a larger proportion of their products are marketed through co-operative marketing methods, and their is also a very close co-operation between the agriculturists and the city business man.

Portland Move Important.

"In its state-wide development programme, the Portland Chamber of Commerce is starting a most important move that is certain to be of very great benefit to the whole state, but the farmer must not go to sleep at the switch and expect the chamber to do it all.

"There is no doubt some needed legislative relief in Oregon and committees of farmers all over the state should meet with their local chambers and the state chamber and work out a legislative programme that will be detrimental to none, but advantageous to all the people.

Better Credit Is Needed.

"The farmer needs and must have a better rural credit system. He should have preferential rates for loans for productive purposes over loans for speculative purposes. The federal land bank system should be extended to provide farmers with personal credits for such purposes as buying pure seeds, pure-bred stock, machinery and equipment. There should be a revision of the state and national taxation system so that the burden may be equalized.

"The California farm bureau has been instrumental in securing the enactment of a number of very important laws. One of the most important is the state bonded warehouseing act. If Oregon has not such a law, it would be wise to consider passing one.

"There is an average of 27 farm bureau meetings held in California every night in the week except Sunday and the total attendance at these meetings last year was more than 500,000. California has 22 people to the square mile, Washington has 16 and Oregon has but 8. Surely there is room for more farmers in Oregon, and they will come if the state makes it worth their while."—Oregonian.

Farmers Saved by Loans.

The American farmer has demonstrated that when properly financed he can weather the worst economic storms, the War Finance Corporation declared in its annual report sent to Congress last week. The report set forth that 41 per cent of the money advanced to the agricultural industry had been repaid, either in advance of maturity or when due.

Advances by the corporation saved the industry many millions of dollars, the report declared, explaining that the corporation's officers believed its activity had proved as beneficial in the restoration of confidence as in the actual pouring of cash into spots where credit was tightest. The loans had made it passible for thousands of farmers to handle their products in an orderly fashion it was added, and the confidence instilled in them through the knowledge that money was available acted as a stabilizer, the value of which the report said could not be estimated.

The report added that the gradual decrease in the number of applications for loans further reflected the general benefit which the corporation's operations have had on the agricultural credit situation. Advances totalling $433,447,000 in 37 states had been approved up to November 30. Of this $182,859,000 went to 4,400 banking institutions, $77,761,000 to 113 livestock loan companies and $172,827,000 to 32 cooperative marketing associations.

Anson E. Wright, leading farmer and steckman of Hardman, who was in the city today looking after business affairs, states that the open spell of weather is much appreciated out his way. He is of the opinion that we will continue to have mild weather for some time yet, and hopes for an open winter. Much moisture has been going into the ground as a consequence of the prevailing rains.

Where They Were.

Chris and John had been away from home against their mother's commands and she was waiting for them with a switch.

"Chris, vare you bean?"

"Mit John."

"John, vare you bean?"

"Mit Chris."

"Var you both bean?"

"Togedder."—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

High School Class Of 1920 Holds Reunion

The annual reunion of the high school class of 1920 was held last Saturday evening at the dining room of Hotel Heppner, on which occasion ten members were able to be present, and those unable to attend sent greetings along with their regrets.

The 1920 class was one of the larger classes graduated from Heppner high school, and consisted of 13 girls and 2 boys. Those present on this occasion were: Mrs. Cyrene (Lieuallen) Barratt, Margaret Doherty, Mrs. Neva (Chidsey) Clabough, Etta Devin, Elizabeth Phelps, Mrs. Erda (Frad) Pieper, Alma Devin, Odile Groshen, Mae French and Everett Pattison. Absent members of the class are Mrs. Ruth (Huddleston) Peterson, Gwendolen Darbee, Edythe Boyd, Katherine Anderson, Bernice Githens and Herbert Hynd.

The evening was greatly enjoyed in the recital of reminiscenses of the past year and partaking of the elegant dinner prepared for the class by the hotel management. This reunion is an annual event.

Have Slumber Party.

A number of the young lady friends of Miss Francis Parker were invited to her home on New Year's eve to hold a slumber party and to bid odieu to the old year and welcome in the new. We are reliably informed that at the midnight hour, the young ladies all hustled out to the cow barn to witness the cattle kneel down as the old year passed out, having been solemnly informed by an elderly matron that this was the usual habit of these animals. However, the girls found that the kine had simply retired as usual and were quietly lying down and munching their cuds, not caring, seemingly, that the old year was passing and the new was just being ushered in.

The guests for the night were the Misses Helen Wells, Myra Wells, Nellie Flynn, Doris Flynn and Mary Crawford, who enjoyed their slumber party immensely.

Lane Court Criticized.

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 3.—Much dissatisfaction was expressed today against the action of the two Lane commissioners in discharging the county agricultural agent, the county health nurse and the rural school supervisor. Granges have already called meetings to take action looking to the reinstatement of Ira P. Whitney, county agent, and the County Health association and other organizations in Eugene and throughout the county are planning to seek means whereby the services of the county health nurse, Miss Sallie Craighill, will be retained.

The chamber of commerce of Eugene at its meeting last night discussed the action of the commissioners, but took no official action.

Highway Commission to Meet.

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 3.—R. A. Booth, chairman of the state highway commission, stated today that while he is determined to leave the service of the state, he will remain on the commission until Governor-elect Pierce is inaugurated.

Chairman Booth said he has called a special meeting of the commission for January 5 and that another called meeting will be held in Salem January 19 for the purpose of selling $500,000 in bonds.

Rev. W. O. Livingstone, pastor of the Christian church, was a passenger out to Portland this morning, where he goes to attend a meeting of the state missionary society. He expects to return on Saturday.

D. L. Hardin, architect for the new church building, came up from Portland on Wednesday to spend a day or so here, looking over the work of construction as it has so far progressed.

Morgan Folks Enjoy A New Year's Dance

The people of Morgan and vicinity enjoyed a fine dance on New Year's night, which was largely attended by the people of the surrounding country, and many couples were present from Heppner and Ione. A basket supper was brought and this was served at the proper hour, greatly to the satisfaction of all present.

The music was furnished by the Morgan orchestra, an organization recently brought together, and this feature was one of the leading attractions of the evening. The orchestra is composed of Bob Balcomb, violin, Martin Bauernfiend, saxaphone, Ellen Ely, piano, and Franklin Ely, drums.

Our informant states that there was nothing to mar the pleasure and harmony of the occasion, except that a few young fellows got hold of some bootleg whiskey, and when this began to work they got a little boisterous and had to be "sat down" on. With some folks, there is nothing that seems to appeal to them as a good time unless they can imbibe freely of bug juice and then proceed to make nuisances of themselves. Some of these offenders were mere boys, and they were among those going down from Heppner.

The Minister and the Three Dudes.

Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota says three young dudes were parading the street one Sunday morning, when they met a very old preacher with flowing white beard, and apparently in moderate circumstances. With a desire to poke fun at the old gentleman, the first freshie said: "Hello there Father Abraham." The second said: "Good morning, Father Isaac," and the third sang out: "I greet thee, Father Jacob."

In gentle tones the aged servant of God replied: "I am neither Abraham, nor Isaac, nor Jacob, but Saul the son of Kish, who went forth to hunt his father's asses; and behold, I have found them."

PIERCE IS READY TO 'GIVE AND TAKE'

"Veto Governor" Reputation Not Desired.—Patronage is Problem.—So Many Applicants After Each Job That Chief It Puzzled.

(Wednesday's Oregonian)

"I don't want to be known as a 'veto governor.' I'm willing to give and take—as I've shown I can do in my legislative record—and if I find I am wrong I am willing to be set right. I want the boys in the legislature to come in and talk things over with me."

So said Walter M. Pierce while in Portland yesterday on his way to Salem to take up the responsibilities of governor. Mr. Pierce was occupying the room which was used as republican state headquarters at the Imperial during the recent campaign. Two months ago that room was full of republicans fighting to prevent Mr. Pierce from getting the job of governor. Yesterday the room was full of democrats fighting one another to get the gubernatorial ear long enough to bespeak a job for themselves.

Clever Policy Adopted.

Mr. Pirce is clever. He has adopted the policy of permitting anyone and everyone to come in and see him. This saves him from having any one hold him in private, for there is safety in numbers.

The governor-elect gave his interview on the installment plan—a sentence or two, then an interruption to shake hands with some deserving democrat, and then another paragraph.

"The boys," as Mr. Pierce refers to the lawmakers who are to be with him for 40 days, are welcome to come into the executive office. He is on friendly terms with the leaders in the senate and house, which will make things easier for him. He does not expect to get all of his ideas written into the statute books, but he hopes to win with some of the biggest of his ideas.

Compensation Act Favored.

Mr. Pierce believes in the compensation act, on which there is to be a fight, but he says there may be good reason for amendments which will improve that law. He would like a joint committee of the legislature to delve into the irrigation situation, for he does not want the credit of the state jeopardized by too extensive backing of the projects, but at the same time he declares that central and eastern Oregon must not be abandoned.

Patronage is a paramount issue among democrats. Mr. Pierce reiterated his former statements that he does not intend making changes until after the adjournment of the legislature, save when there is necessity for him to act, and when he acts he states he will make his appointments fearlessly. The fact that an applicant is a republican will not be a handicap, providing the republican is better qualified for the position sought than a contending democrat. This proposition of ousting incumbents and appointing new men is a task which Mr. Pierce does not relish, apparently, because there are so many demands on him for every place.

Sixty After Kirk's Job.

"Sixty men want to succeed Will Kirk as member of the industrial accident commission," explained Mr. Pierce. "A lot want Mr. Marshall's place, and labor people want Marshall retained. What can I do? Then there are some people with strong backing who want to be corporation commissioner, and Cyril Brownell, republican member of the Multnomah delegation, has powerful backing for insurance commissioner. And so it goes.

"I do not know what I will do with the resignations of Booth, Yeon and Barratt on the highway commission. I haven't decided whether to accept all or some of the resignations. I'm still clinging to my idea of a paid highway commission. I don't know whether I can get it through the legislature. I'd like to pay men and have them give every ounce of their energy and every moment of their time to the highway work; men who will pull on a pair of overalls and crawl under a bridge to see if it has been well built, or see why water gets under a pavement.

Available Men Plentiful.

"Now there's Bill Hanley. There has been talk of him a as highway commissioner. I couldn't expect Bill to take a salaried job and get under the bridge; nor E. B. Aldrich, who is backed by quite a sentiment, for Aldrich wouldn't give up all his time, for he'd want to continue writing editorials. And there is Judge Duby, Baker—well, the state is full of available men. Some can't be had if it's a paid commission and others can. I'll decide on this matter later."

Accompanying Mr. Pierce is Mrs. Pierce and two daughters. They will constitute the governor's family at Salem. This morning Mr. Pierce will go to Salem to look at a house which he may lease and when the housing problem is solved he will make his preparations for his inaugural Monday.

Dayville Man Is Suicide

Young War Veteran Found With Bullet in Forehead.

Baker, Ore., Jan. 3.—Suicide was the verdict reached by Grant county officials who today investigated the death Sunday night of Alexander Harper, 26, Dayville resident since a small boy. Harper's body was found in his home at Dayville by friends New Year's day with a pistol bullet in the head, and at first it was thought the young world war veteran had been murdered.

Sheriff Cy Bingham and the coroner of Grant county went from Canyon City to Dayville today, but their investigation unearthed no evidence of murder and an inquest was not held. Friends of Harper could assign no motive for his rash act. Harper was unmarried.