

PIERCE LAUNCHES HIS CABINET PLAN

State Sup. Commission Bill, Sponsored by Senator Hall, is Completed.—Would Abolish 64 Boards and Departments in Huge Merger.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 10.—Grouping of all the activities of state government into four departments, with a commissioner at the head of each, and the governor co-operating, is the scope of the consolidation programme which will make its appearance tomorrow morning. This programme is the administrative measure, backed by all the influence which Governor Pierce has at his command. The bill is the work of Senator Hall and will be introduced by him.

Sixty-four boards and commissions would be abolished and their duties carried on in the four departments. This super-commission is more simple than the cabinet form of government of Illinois, Idaho or Washington.

Little Money is Saved. Little money is saved by the proposed consolidation, but the benefit gained would be the concentration of responsibility, the elimination of duplications and overlapping. While the economies in salary may not be great, the system, according to the governor, can bring about a substantial decrease in the cost of overhead in the management of the state.

Four Divisions Outlined. The four divisions are a department of public works and utilities, a department of business control and finance, a department of labor, industry and public welfare, and a department of agriculture and natural resources.

Into one or another of these departments would be merged every commission and board now existing by authority of the legislature. Of the department heads—each of whom would be known as a commissioner—the secretary of state and state treasurer are two, and the governor has the power to appoint two others at a salary not to exceed \$4500 a year.

Governor Has Broad Power. The governor, after the passage of the act, would assign the commissioners to any department he saw fit and could change them from department to department from time to time as he wished.

The governor would make two appointments, but these must be confirmed by the senate. In the event that the legislature is not in session when the governor appoints a commissioner, the latter appointee would hold office until the senate convenes. Where officers now holding through election are affected, the consolidation bill does not undertake to disturb them at once.

Service Commission Extended. The public service commission is given permission to function as at present until January 1, 1923, after which the existing public works and utilities shall appoint a public service commissioner, whose salary and traveling expenses shall be the same as present commissioners and his duties shall be the same.

Industrial commissioners are reduced from three to one, public service commissioners are reduced from three to one, and from three non-salaried highway commissioners the bill calls for one commissioner at \$3000 a year, who shall be a resident and a road engineer.

Major Division Important. The major division is public works and utilities, which would take over the duties of the public service commission, state highway department and the state engineer.

The department of business control and finance would have a commissioner to appoint and control the bureau of the superintendent of banks, corporation commissioner, insurance commissioner and state tax commissioner. Other present officers absorbed by this department would be as follows: State exhibit agent, librarians of state library and supreme court library, state printer and printing board, Oregon tourist and information bureau, Pacific Northwest tourist association, trustees of McLaughlin home and of the A. R. Burbank trust fund, trustees of Sodaville Springs and joined various state aid commissions.

Labor and Welfare Joint. The department of labor, industry and public welfare would appoint through its head, an industrial accident commissioner, a state labor commissioner when the term for which the incumbent was elected expires, and a state health commissioner. He would have the child welfare commission, the board of conciliation, the board of eugenics, the board of health, the secretary of the state health board, and the board of vocational education.

The department of agriculture and natural resources would have the appointment, through its chief, of a dairy and food commissioner, state veterinarian, state forester and state geologist.

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L. V. Gentry, who was a member of the committee putting on the big Rodeo at Heppner last fall, is preparing for a big barn dance at his place on Friday night, January 19. In order that this event shall be a complete success, Mr. Gentry is now busy putting down a new floor in the barn, and will have everything in shape when the time arrives. He wants everybody to come and bring a friend along with them. There will be plenty of room and good music, and Gentry hospitality will prevail. This dance should be the means of wiping out the remaining portion of the deficit incurred in putting on the first Rodeo and leave the slate clean for the next event.

Grief Leads to Suicide

Fossil, Ore., Jan. 10.—Grief over the death of his wife, which occurred June 1, is assigned as the cause for the suicide of Dr. D. N. Hayden of Spray, Ore. His dead body was found in bed at his home last Sunday morning and the condition of the body indicated that Dr. Hayden took his own life the previous Friday.

The coroner's jury developed the fact at the inquest that Dr. Hayden met death from chloroform, administered by his own hand. He was 45 years old.

Mr. A. Dobson of Eugene, Oregon, mother of Dr. Hayden, was notified of her son's death and advised the coroner that she would go to Spray to take charge of the body.

The Willing Workers of the First Christian church will meet with Mrs. Livingston on Friday afternoon of this week. A large attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hunton visited in the city today from their farm home on Eight Mile.

Redeem the Promise. It is now Governor Walt M. Pierce and a new regime is on at Salem. The new governor and members of the legislature are committed to revise the tax system of the state to the end the burden on farm and home property may be greatly reduced.

The way to redeem that promise is to reduce taxation that will be the secretary of state and state treasurer are two, and the governor has the power to appoint two others at a salary not to exceed \$4500 a year.

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Waiting To See The Doctor



MEDICAL BUILDING WILL BE DEDICATED

New Main Building of the University of Oregon School of Medicine at Portland Made Possible by Appropriations and Gifts is Modern.

University of Oregon, Jan. 10.—State forces engaged in health work and individuals and associations interested in medical research will participate in the formal dedication of Mackenzie Hall, the newly completed main body of the University of Oregon School of Medicine at Portland, Saturday afternoon, January 13.

The ceremony will be the occasion for the annual gathering of alumni of the School of Medicine and a meeting of the Oregon Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists. Invitations to attend the dedication have been extended to Governor Pierce, members of his official family, presidents of American universities and colleges, the deans of medical schools in this country and Canada, and to health workers in the Pacific Northwest.

Mackenzie Hall, a four-story completely modern freestone building, was made possible by an appropriation of the state of \$118,000 and a gift of similar amount from the General Education Board, a national foundation for medical research and health advancement.

Recently the board gave \$50,000 to equip the hall and to provide teaching and research facilities. The gift was exceptional, but the school made possible by the only medical school on the Pacific Coast to be so recognized by the board and is the only state-supported medical school in the country.

W. O. Livingston attended the annual meeting of the Christian church in Lons on Tuesday evening, and following the big banquet and the election of officers, he preached for them.

Harve Coxon was brought to town yesterday and is being held on a charge of making moonshine. Sheriff McButter is in the hills this side of Butter creek and in the vicinity of the Coxon place today, endeavoring to locate the still, which Coxon is reported to have stated was stolen from him.

Harvey McAllister was up from Lexington today and reports his action enjoying the good spell of weather that Oregon has had for some time, but is of the opinion that we must look for severe weather later on, as this has arrived a little too soon.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Morrow County Chamber of the Red Cross is called by Mrs. Cochran for this evening at 7:30 at the office of the County Nurse in the I. O. O. F. building.

A game of basketball is announced for tomorrow night on the Heppner floor between Lons and Heppner town teams. It should be a hummer.

IMMORTAL EPIC BY OUIDA WINS NEW LAURELS

Priscilla Dean Star of Big Universal Jewel Production, "Under Two Flags."

"Under Two Flags" is one of the few really great stories. A love epic immortal, a tragedy sublime, "Under Two Flags" captured the heart of the world when it came as a novel from the pen of Ouida (Louise de La Ramee), and its growth in popularity was heightened by its presentation on the stage by many renowned artists, including Blancha Bates. Now it has been made into a picture by the Universal Film Co. and will be seen here Sunday and Monday at the Star Theatre.

Priscilla Dean, then whom there is no more magnetic figure on the screen, breathes the fire of her dynamic personality into the role of Cigarette, a French girl who was the idol of a French regiment at Algiers. There are street scenes in "Under Two Flags" that give a true insight of the life of the masses in the French provinces of northern Africa. The military pomp of an army post is accurately presented. And the oppressive luxury surrounding the pampered beauties of a harem add picturesque color to this dramatic film.

The technical staff at Universal City, a group of highly trained experts, spent months of study preparing for this production. Every interior setting, every street scene, was constructed with faithful accuracy. Hundreds of photographs of different parts of Algiers were obtained to guide them in their work. Not an inharmonious note was allowed to creep in.

The result is that those seeing "Under Two Flags" might well imagine they are spending an evening in the African desert. While the picture is superb as a spectacle, it is also a work of great historic value.

Bringing the director has developed the romance of the tale in masterly fashion.

Hold-Up Trio Arrested. Jesse Vaughan, Johnnie Nolan and Gene Jones of Spray Ar. Taken Into Custody.

Upon complaint of District Attorney W. G. Trill, Gene Jones, Jesse Vaughan and Johnnie Nolan of Spray were arrested by Sheriff C. A. Johnson and Deputy Sheriff Frank Cason last Friday, charged with the Service crew hold-up of Allen and Ray Morgan of Condon, reported in The Gazette last week.

The prisoners were brought to Fossil and arraigned before Justice E. F. Johnson. All three waived examination and were placed under bond to appear before the grand jury next May. Vaughan's bond was placed at \$5000, Nolan's at \$2000 and Jones' at \$1500.

Jones and Nolan gave bonds and were released, but Vaughan failed to raise his bond and is still in the county jail.—Fossil Journal.

HAGENBARTH WILL BE AT PENDLETON

National Figure Among Growers of Wool Will Make Address Before Oregon Convention January 27, 18 Word Received By Mac Hoke.

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 10.—Frank Hagenbarth, president of the national Wool Growers association, will attend the Oregon Wool Growers meeting here on January 27, the first of the three-day sessions to be held by the Oregon sheepmen, according to information received by Mac Hoke, secretary of the association. Mr. Hagenbarth will make addresses at both the national and the state conventions.

The fact that the Oregon convention follows immediately after the national convention at Spokane will make it possible for Oregon sheepmen to have one of the best programs of speeches ever offered, Hoke declares.

Mr. Hagenbarth was first elected president of the National Wool Growers Association in 1913 and has been re-elected in every subsequent year without opposition. He succeeded F. W. Gooding of Shoshone, Idaho. The list of earlier presidents includes P. E. Warren of Wyoming and F. H. Gooding of Idaho, now representing their respective states in the U. S. Senate.

President Hagenbarth's annual address is always a feature of the convention," Hoke said today. "The large ranching interests of his company, The Wood Live Stock Company, have his fullest acquaintance with stockmen's conditions and problems. In addition to this Mr. Hagenbarth has had extensive business experience and is by nature equipped for statesmanlike consideration of producers' interests and of the national phases of agriculture and other industries. Mr. Hagenbarth's address will be delivered on the morning of the first day of the convention.

Husband Gets \$10,000. Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 10.—After less than two hours of deliberation a jury composed of ten men and two women, tonight brought in a verdict of \$10,000 in favor of W. F. Coste, plaintiff in a \$40,000 damage suit against Alvin Slusher, in which it was alleged that Slusher has alienated the affections of the plaintiff's wife.

The trial took three days. Today the wife of the plaintiff took the stand as a rebuttal witness for the plaintiff and her testimony directly contradicted the testimony of the defendant. The rebuttal testimony of Grace Coste was all that was needed to complete the chain of evidence presented by the plaintiff. She admitted immoral relations with the defendant and supported the statements of her husband, who recently divorced her.

The jury awarded \$3000 general damages and \$7000 punitive damages. Attorneys for the defense will appeal to the supreme court.

M. L. CURRAN, Fire Chief.

SPLENDID PROGRAM FOR WOOL GROWERS

Special Rates on Railroads for Pendleton Meeting, January 27-29, Secured.—Program Includes Many Fine Addresses.

Special rates on the certificate plan have been secured by Secretary Mac Hoke for the Oregon Wool Growers Convention. Wool growers who plan on attending should pay the full fare to Pendleton, getting a receipt for the same. 150 are in attendance, a one-half return trip can be secured. A similar arrangement has been made in regard to the National Wool Growers Convention which will be held in Spokane January 25 and 26.

Those who are planning on attending both conventions should buy their tickets to Pendleton then re-buy to Spokane in order that the Oregon convention may have the benefit of your trip. The rates will apply to points in Idaho, Oregon and Washington with sales dates January 24 to 29, return good until February 1st.

Frank Hagenbarth, president, and F. R. Marshall, secretary, of the National Wool Growers Association, will deliver addresses at the convention, January 27. President Jay H. Dobbin's annual address is always worth listening to. Dr. S. W. McClure, former secretary of the national association, has been invited to attend.

One of the main purposes of this year's convention will be the discussion led by Hugh Sprout, president of the Idaho Wool Growers association and vice-president of the Idaho Board of Sheep Commission and Dr. W. H. Lytle, regarding disease conditions among Oregon sheep. At present Idaho is maintaining a quarantine against Oregon sheep on account of scab. There seems to be considerable difference of opinion regarding the extent of this disease.

Stanley Jewett will take up the matter of predatory animal control. At present there is a move on foot to abolish the county hunting writ, but making any provision to take care of government hunters who might possibly do more efficient work. E. N. Kavenaugh will deal with the important subject of range appraisal. R. A. Ward, president of the Oregon Cooperative Council and manager of the Pacific Wool Growers association will discuss cooperative marketing.

J. T. Jardine, director of the Oregon Experiment Station, will handle the question of the relationship between the experiment stations and the wool growers problems.

Mr. Hagenbarth will be in Pendleton today, making a final check on the program of the convention.

There was a very interesting and enjoyable meeting of the Patron-Teachers association at the high school auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, when a program of unusual merit was presented.

Mrs. C. L. Sweek offered a piano solo, with which the company were delighted. Mrs. P. M. Gammell gave a reading, Mrs. Darbee sang, and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney furnished entertainment by playing the piano. The poetic ability of those present, several subjects of interest to the school and the community at large were discussed, among these being the enforcement of the curfew ordinance, the support of a free public reading room. The question of inviting a leading pianist here from Portland to give a recital under the auspices of the association did not receive endorsement at this time.

House Gets Land Bill. Salem, Ore., Jan. 10.—The anti-alien land bill appeared in the house today, this time being introduced by Bailey and Houston, both ex-service men. This is the same bill which was introduced by Representative Leonard in the 1921 session, passed the house and was defeated in the senate. An effort was made to initiate the bill to place it before the people at the last general election, but signatures for it were insufficient. The bill is backed by the American Legion.

Under the terms of the act any alien, not eligible to citizenship under the laws of the United States, cannot acquire property in fee in this state nor acquire a leasehold, or acquire shares of stock in any company to any greater extent than allowed under the terms of any treaty between the United States and the nation of which such alien is a citizen or subject.

In event an alien becomes an heir to real property in Oregon the bill provides that such property be sold and the proceeds turned over to the alien heir.

It also is made unlawful for any person or company to dispose of any real property to an alien, and if such disposition is made the property shall revert to the state. The same holds good as to any property leased to an alien.

This bill met decided opposition from the Portland Chamber of Commerce at the last regular session, and the Japanese government showed its active interest against the bill through its consul at Portland.

Decision in John Day Case. It was reported here today that the Supreme Court had rendered its decision on the appeal from Umatilla county of the John Day irrigation suit, but the text of the decision has not reached Heppner yet, so we are not prepared to state just what it covers. As we get it, the decision cannot be affirmed as we go to press.

Alex Brandies, formerly a resident of this county, has been visiting friends here during the week. He resides at Graham where he is engaged in the berry and poultry game.

Diversified Farming Is Theme For Discussion

The monthly meeting of the Brothers was held at the Hotel Heppner, and some forty members and friends sat down to the usual good luncheon and enjoyed a social time before the program was called.

The question on for discussion was Diversified Farming for Morrow county, and the subject was introduced by E. W. Turner in a splendid talk lasting some twenty minutes, in which the speaker told what diversified farming really meant from the scientific viewpoint, and then proceeded to show how through our agricultural college, the extension work and experiment stations the farmer was being helped in this regard in the manner that would be the most beneficial to farmers situated as most of them are in this county. C. C. Calkins followed Mr. Turner, and elaborated to some extent on what had been said, stating that the general idea of diversified farming was that each farmer should run some tame stock, raise chickens and pigs and perhaps a few head of sheep; this, Mr. Calkins stated was not properly diversified farming, but could be classified only as an adjunct to farming.

The speaker then proceeded to show how it could be successfully carried on. He had done a lot of work in interesting farmers in poultry and many of them had taken this up as one of the "side lines." But diversified farming properly meant under heading of rotation of crops. So far, the experiment station tests had proven that this was not a very practical idea for this county. Mr. Calkins, as well as Mr. Turner stressed the using of crop rotation, wheat and clean seed grain to add to the increase of production and bring better returns when placed on the market. This, with improved marketing conditions which are being worked out for the orderly disposition of crops, will be the means of helping the farmer to get some of that profit out of his business he is entitled to.

Others spoke along the same line and Chas. Thomson reminded those present of the trouble with the farmers lies in the fact that they are not producing the things that sell the best; if they would raise more corn for corn meal, and raisins and prunes, he would guarantee that the crops could be disposed of readily at good prices. The point Mr. Thomson made was readily seen, and it caused a good laugh.

The next meeting of the Brotherhood will be for fathers and sons, and Lowell McMillan and Spencer Crawford were named as committee on arrangements.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. January 14, 1923.

Someone has wisely said that "a house is a poor vehicle in which to ride to church, why wait for it? Come out next Lord's Day for our usual, Bible School at 10 o'clock, under the leadership of our new superintendent, Mr. C. C. Calkins, immediately following will be an illustrated service of songs and spirit; equally helpful to all, Junior Christian Endeavor at 3 p. m., Senior Endeavor at 6:30, and song service and preaching at 7:30. We shall be glad to have you worship with us.

LIVINGSTONE.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Mr. Hedrick, superintendent of the Heppner school, has given out part of the results of the educational test given to boys and girls, equally helpful to all, Junior Christian Endeavor at 3 p. m., Senior Endeavor at 6:30, and song service and preaching at 7:30. We shall be glad to have you worship with us.

In the eighth grade Oren Bibeae passed the highest test in reading and grammar, Lola Moore and Tom Wells tied for the best grade in arithmetic. In the seventh grade Harold Beckett made the best rating in history. Both tests in the Freshman class were tied, Doris Logan and Charles Notson having the same grade in the reading test and competing for highest place, and Muriel Cason and Victor Parker both having the same highest grade in grammar.

Harold Beckett passed the best test in reading of any of the Sophomores and Victor Logan excelled in grammar.

These tests will be given again at the end of the year to determine the improvement that has been made.

There will be a double-header basketball game at Lons on Friday, January 12, between Lons and Heppner. Both the boys' and girls' teams will play a good game and anticipated.

The final debate try-out will be held some time this week. Debate is now meeting as a regular class, each member having certain assignments, and the class meeting every day for a regular recitation period.

This debate district includes Umatilla, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties. Pendleton is the most formidable opponent of the district, as it won the debates of the district last year. Mr. Hedrick is the debate referee of this district and will schedule the debates, the first one coming about the first of February. Heppner had no debate team last year and it has been rather difficult to start one this year. The people of Heppner are urged to attend the debates and encourage work along this line so that it may be kept up every year.

According to a survey made of the Heppner school this fall to determine relative degree of normality, acceleration, and retardation existing among grade pupils it would appear that no one can truthfully maintain that there is no one in this county who is superior to the others.

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FIRST NATIONAL HAS ITS ANNUAL MEETING

Directors and Officers for Coming Year Chosen.—Changes Made and Men Receive Promotion.

On Tuesday of this week the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Heppner was held in the office of the bank. Focusing the attention upon the business of the institution for the past year, which was presented by Cashier Mahoney, the following board of directors was chosen: M. S. Corrigall, T. J. Mahoney, Frank Gilliam, John Kilkeney, W. L. Mahoney, Jack Hynd and W. E. Moore.

Following the meeting of stockholders and the election of directors, the latter met and chose the following officers: M. S. Corrigall, president; Frank Gilliam, vice-president; W. L. Mahoney, vice-president and manager; W. E. Moore, cashier; Forby Greamba, assistant cashier; K. K. Mahoney, assistant cashier.

The business of the institution for the past year has been very satisfactory and the stockholders and directors look forward to a better year in 1923, as all indications point to much better general business conditions and the outlook for the farmer, stockman and business man of this territory is bright.

Since the election of officers, and Mr. Mahoney has retired from the cashiership to take another position with the bank, that of vice-president and manager, the question has arisen as to whether he contemplated remaining in the bank. Mr. Mahoney informs the Gazette-Times that he will continue on the job at the bank as usual, as one of its executive officers, the additional officers being found necessary owing to the large volume of business the bank is called upon to handle.

Mr. Moore, who has been with the bank for a number of years as its assistant cashier, is a man that has proven his worth in that position. He has made scores of friends for himself and his institution, is thoroughly efficient and accommodating, and his promotion to the cashiership is a just recognition on the part of the board of directors of the large volume of business the bank is called upon to handle.

Mr. Greamba and Mr. Mahoney, who have been with the bank for many years, are promoted to additional responsible positions of which they are worthy, and no doubt greatly appreciate the fact that they have been so honored for their faithful service. These promotions have all come without the asking, as the men have been content to do faithful work and await results.

TAXING THE STATE FOR TEXTBOOKS

Upon no one question can the issue of high taxes be more clearly brought to the attention of those who are making the Oregon taxpayer pay for textbooks to be furnished free to public school pupils. Mr. Woodward's bill is a popular bill. It has behind it all the sentiment of those who believe government is an inexhaustible source of free gift and who desire textbooks free for their children. Also it has the support of all who would further handicap parochial schools by cutting out any expense for sending children to public schools. No more popular measure, no measure that has stronger general support, could be proposed as a test of the question whether the taxpayer shall be soaked with an expense which is entirely and utterly unnecessary.

How taxpayers have clamored against tax increase! They have raised their voices to the heavens. They turned out one of the most efficient and economical governments that any state ever had simply because taxes were high due to causes over which the governor had no control. The tax issue was the foremost issue of every campaign in every county and district except where it was obscured to some extent by the religious issue. Most of the members of the legislature were elected on promises to try to reduce taxes. Now what will happen?

Unless a majority of the legislature have courage of the highest order, to withstand pressure of the most intense character, this unnecessary burden of \$200,000 a year will be added to the Oregon tax bill. You taxpayers should help make the legislators' list of bills easier. If you are opposed to this bill, drop him a line and tell him so. That will encourage him to stand up for your interest. It is unfair to him for you simply to criticize him after the session is over and then vote him out of public life simply because taxes have been increased. You owe it to him to let him know you are with him in his courageous effort to protect you from tax increase.

Aside from tax features, there is much that can be said for and against the measure on its merits. It would make it much easier for the average parent to finance his child's common school education were textbooks furnished free. It would make it much easier to expect pretty much everything free for life were destructible property of no personal a nature as his schoolbooks furnished free. It would tend to make a socialist out of him, ready to vote any expenditure on his behalf that he could expect to get. It would be a nice present. But regardless of the merits or demerits of the measure, in its effect upon parental pocketbooks and child character, there is no question about it involving an addition to taxation that no one can truthfully maintain is necessary.

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