

### NORTON MADE HEAD OF BANK

President Taft's Private Secretary to Become President of First National, Succeeding Thomas Lamont, Partner of J. P. Morgan.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Charles D. Norton, secretary to President Taft, is to get a good job when he quits his present position, according to the New York News Bureau today. The News Bureau, which is generally regarded as the organ of Wall street, says that Norton is to be vice-president of the First National bank, succeeding Thomas Lamont, Lamont, a partner of J. P. Morgan, will engineer what has been recently described as the "magazine trust."

### GOOD ROADS BILL VETOED BY GOVERNOR

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is no good reason why the members of this commission should not be chosen at large as the other state officials are chosen.

Two bills vetoed this afternoon provide for an increase in salary for prosecuting attorneys in the fourth prosecuting attorney's district and in the fifth judicial district.

**Public Funds Bill Killed.** For a second time a bill from Thompson providing that public officials having public money in their possession cannot lend it without authority, has been vetoed by Governor West. The first bill of this kind was vetoed because the governor believed it would result in calling in all of the deposits of state money from the banks. In his veto message of a different bill from the same source and of the same purport, he says that one of the added provisions is susceptible of a construction which would nullify the provisions of the old law, governing the lending of public funds, and is in other ways inconsistent with the main body of the said act.

The Joseph bill fixing bonds for contractors on public works is disapproved by the governor saying it would work a hardship on many good officials who through inadvertence or lack of legal knowledge, should neglect, in taking a bond to have it broad enough to cover the material men.

**Second Choice Vetoed.** Resenting it as an attack on the "Oregon System" and also taking the position that it is unconstitutional, Governor West refused to approve Rusk's House bill, providing for second-choice voting at the primaries. Speaker Rusk, in a brief statement given out following news that the bill had been vetoed, takes an opposite position to that of Governor West, saying that in his opinion the bill is constitutional, that it is no, an attack on the "Oregon System" and goes further by declaring that he does not consider it within the province of the governor to sit as a constitutional court.

Governor West's main reasons for disapproval are: "It seeks to deprive the voter of his constitutional right to vote for one person for nomination under the title to every office where more than twice as many persons of one political party are candidates for nomination in one political office division as there are positions to be filled therein, unless he also expresses a second choice among said candidates. He may not have a second choice, and the Legislature cannot, under the constitution, compel him to name a second choice under penalty of losing his constitutional right to vote for the nomination of one person.

"But even if the bill was not open to this constitutional objection, I should consider myself bound to veto it under my promise to the people of Oregon in the recent campaign, that if elected I would not permit any tampering with the laws they had approved by their votes."

**Oliver's Land Bill Fails.** The senate bill introduced by Oliver and one of the most widely discussed bills of the session was also vetoed. The governor's message concerning the bill, in part, is: "This bill provides for the relinquishment of all claims of the state of Oregon to certain lands in Union county.

"By virtue of the provision of section 2, article 8, of the constitution of the state of Oregon, all property accruing to the state by escheat shall become a part of the irreducible common school fund of this state. There are probably many equities in this case which might call for legislative aid if the constitution would permit such a course, but as I view the provision of our constitution above cited it will not permit such a course

### INDIANS WANT FILM REFORM

Angered Because Red Men Are Shown as Villians, Chiefs Make Protest Regarding Moving Picture Shows.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Angered because red men are invariably pictured as "bad men" in moving picture shows, Big Bear and Big Buck, from the Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribes are to fight for picture reforms.

During the picture of the White Father's village the Indians visited a motion picture show and saw a story of unmitigated Indian villainy unrolled on the canvas.

"Heap big lie," said Big Bear after the show. "Red man good, heap better bats times than pale face."

Indian Commissioner Valentine promised the chiefs that he would see what could be done to improve matters.

and I cannot see my way clear to approve the bill."

**Case Up to Land Board.** Thompson's bill concerning title to certain swamp lands, is among today's vetoes. Concerning it the governor says:

"The purpose of this bill is to confirm the title to several large tracts of alleged swamp land purchased from the state through what is known as the Swamp Land certificate No. 144. Those lands are in the same category as those of the Warner Valley Stock Company and the Warner Valley settlers and are, therefore, affected by the decision of the Supreme Court in that celebrated case.

"There is an impression abroad that the purpose of this bill is to confirm title to the lands of the Warner Valley settlers, about whom the public has heard so much, but such is not the case. It simply confirms title to holders of several large tracts who are entitled to not one bit more consideration than the Warner Valley Stock company.

"This is a matter which should be left to the State Land Board to adjust, in which event it will be carefully investigated, justice administered to all parties concerned and the school fund protected."

**Bill Too Far-Reaching.** Senator Bowerman's bill providing that no state, county or municipal officials could enter into a contract with the state is also killed. Concerning this measure the governor says:

"In my opinion the provisions of the law are already sufficient to protect the state and local governments from injury by reason of public officers having a possible interest in furnishing supplies to the state. Under this bill, if one share of stock in a farmers' fruit union or company should happen to be owned by a member of the legislature or any state officer drawing a salary, that company would be prohibited from selling a box of apples to any state institution, and under most drastic penalties.

"I respectfully submit that the bill is too far reaching to be for the best interest of the people in the purchase of public supplies, and for the reasons stated, herewith return this bill with my veto."

**Judge's Pay Not Raised.** Probably the bill which was vetoed by Governor West in the face of greatest pressure was the senate bill introduced by the judiciary and revision of laws committee increasing the salary of all circuit judges, except in the fourth judicial district, to \$4,000 annually.

His veto reasons are: "The people at the last election and in no uncertain terms, placed themselves on record as being opposed to any such increase and it is not for me to consent to the circumvention of their wishes through any act of the legislature.

"The legislature has authorized the appointment of a commission for the purpose of studying our judicial system and making recommendations as

### ROBBERS GRAB \$12,000 PAYROLL

Police and Pinkertons on Trail of Two Men Who Held Up Postmistress of Fuller Village, Kans.—Early Capture Expected.

PTTSBURG, Kan., Feb. 25.—Police and Pinkertons are hustling here today to catch the trail of two men who held up Mrs. S. E. Arnold, postmistress of Fuller Village, a suburb, obtaining \$12,000 cash, intended for today's payroll at the Sheridan Coal company.

Twelve thousand dollars additional, which was in the hands of Bert Briggs, the company's cashier, was saved by Briggs dropping it on the sidewalk. The robbers confronted Briggs and the postmistress near the railroad depot immediately after the money had been received by a Kansas City Southern train. Both made good their escape before an alarm was given.

to its revision to the next legislature and the said commission will no doubt when making its report make some recommendations as to the salary of our judges."

**Reclamation Bill Lost.** Believing that the house bill introduced by Thompson might retard the growth of the county Governor West has vetoed it. Thompson has made the assertion that this bill was originally sanctioned by Governor West. In his veto message the governor says:

"This bill has for its purpose the authorization of the reclamation of certain lands in this state now covered by the waters of non-navigable lakes. While there is much merit in the bill, it is objectionable in that it does not provide for the sale of the reclaimed lands in small tracts to actual settlers, but provides that the state land board shall make and execute deeds direct to the reclamation companies for all the land reclaimed by said companies and at prices to be fixed by the said board. It is possible that this may result in their acquisition of large tracts of land by said reclamation companies, and their being withheld from settlement for the purposes of speculation and thus retard the growth of the country."

**No County Attorneys.** The house bill introduced by Miller of Columbia, is one of the more important of the bills not meeting with the approval of the governor. The object of the measure is to create a prosecuting attorney's district in each county. Governor West has the following reason for his disapproval:

"The salaries of the district attorneys as set out in the bill appear to have been fixed without giving the matter such careful consideration as it merits, and will result in throwing additional burdens upon the taxpayers of this state."

In vetoing Calkins' senate bill providing a different rule for bringing actions against corporations than that which applies to individuals, Governor West says that this is his reason for taking action:

"Under the existing law," his message reads "both are treated alike and as I can see no good reasons why a different rule should apply to corporations than to individuals, I return the bill with my veto."

**No Live Stock Board.** Although the Burgess bill creating a state sanitary and live-stock board appeals to the governor as having merit, he vetoed it because it carries an appropriation of \$50,000.

The Fouts bill for determining who are heirs of estates of decedents was also killed. The governor says concerning it:

"If this bill becomes a law it will permit the court to enter a decree conclusive in its character as to who are the heirs and distributees entitled to property of a decedent by publication of summons to known and unknown heirs.

"This, in my opinion, would undoubtedly work an injustice to heirs unknown and uninformed."

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TO THE CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS OF JACKSON COUNTY.

We take this method of thanking the citizens of this county who so kindly rendered us every assistance in fighting the infamous Pierce fish bill and in passing the Eggleston bill, No. 184.

We wish particularly to extend our most sincere gratitude to Messrs. George Putnam, J. E. Enyart and W. F. Isaacs of Medford and E. D. Briggs of Ashland, who spent nearly two weeks of their valuable time in Salem, working to sustain the rights of the people. The Pierce fish bill was one which tested the strength of the initiative in Oregon, and we are enthusiastic over its final defeat.

Still believing that the wishes of a majority of the voters in this state should be respected and obeyed, we have the honor to be

Yours truly,

H. VON DER HELLEN, Senator.  
J. A. WESTERLUND, Representative.

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