

SOUTHERN OREGON PASSED UP FOR HIGHWAY BOARD

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—Governor Withycombe, following his usual policy, will probably pass up Southern Oregon in the appointment of the State Highway commission. He says, in an interview:

"I want to secure the best men available—I want to obtain men versed in highway work and who can afford to give their time to it. One of the commissioners will come from Multnomah, and I want one to come from some point between Salem and Roseburg, and a third from some point between Baker and The Dalles."

Since February 19, Oregon has been without a state highway commission and a highway engineer, for Governor Withycombe on that date signed H. B. No. 502, creating the new commission, and the measure carried an emergency clause.

Old Commission Dead.

Simultaneously with the affixing of the signature of the governor to the measure, the old commission and State Highway Engineer Lewis and his staff passed out of official existence so far as the highway work is concerned. The old commission consisted of Governor Withycombe, Secretary of State Osoott and State Treasurer Kay, and Lewis was the highway engineer by virtue of his office as state engineer.

Under the new law the governor is authorized to appoint a non-salaried commission of three, one for each congressional district, and the commission in turn is authorized to appoint a highway engineer, who must have had experience in road construction.

Office in Salem.

The commissioners will have an office in the statehouse, have supervision of all highway work, and hold office for a term of three years. The measure provides further that after the administration expense is paid from funds derived from the one-fourth of a mill road levy, the money shall be used first, to maintain highways; second, to match federal appropriations; and third, in building state highways. Counties under its terms shall not pay more than 50 per cent for the maintenance of state highways.

Governor Withycombe said he had not decided on the personnel of the commission, and it would probably be a week before he reached a decision.

200 SUITS PAJAMAS FOR GERMAN ENVOY

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 22.—One of the German embassy secretaries returning to Germany with former Ambassador Von Bernstorff on the steamship Frederik VIII, which is being examined here by British authorities on her voyage from New York to Copenhagen, is reported to have 200 suits of pajamas in his possession. In the baggage of nearly all the other members of the party, cotton goods known to be scarce in Germany are plentiful, the customs inspectors have discovered. In view of the close association between cotton and explosives, it is understood that the examiners will take some of the excess clothing from the Germans and make an allowance for it.

It is learned also that the Germans are well supplied with gold. As this is contraband it is believed it will be exchanged into some form of currency less useful to Germany.

GOVERNOR CONTROLS PENITENTIARY POLICY

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—May 20, Governor Withycombe will be vested with complete jurisdiction over the penitentiary and its flax plant, under a bill passed by the legislature, and, besides centralizing authority over the two, it is believed that it will be impossible to use either in future as a political football.

Since 1913 the prison has been under the jurisdiction of the board of control, although the pardoning and paroling power resided in the executive. The flax plant also since 1915 has been under the jurisdiction of the board of control. Secretary of State Osoott injected politics into the management of both. The situation became especially embarrassing to Governor Withycombe, for the people had the false impression that the governor was wholly responsible, because of the divided authority over the institution and plant.

GERMAN HOST PRESIDES TODAY AT WASHINGTON'S OLD TAVERN

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—They're talking German today over the well-worn table in Fraunce's tavern where George Washington was wont to eat in the days of the revolution.

A German host presides over the historic landmark; German waiters hustle in and out with German dishes and the German speaking Americans lift German-looking steins in the air to a chorus of "Hoch red Praesident!"

But otherwise the old tavern down by the Battery is pretty much as it was in the days when Washington and his staff dined there, and when old Landlord "Black Sam" Fraunce's daughter saved the "Father of his Country" from an assassin's plot.

It was here in this tavern, now more than 200 years old, that Washington delivered his farewell address to his officers.

It was here, years before, that the Sons of Liberty plotted to throw overboard the tea that England sent her colonies, rather than pay the taxes on it.

When it was built, the waters of the upper bay lapped almost at its doors; but the shoreline has moved southward with the centuries.

"Black Sam," a West Indian negro, who took the place in 1757, had a daughter Phoebe, who acted as Washington's housekeeper while the general was in town.

The Englishman, Hickey, who became one of Washington's body-guard and engineered the plot to murder him became the lover of Phoebe Fraunce's. To her he confided the assassin's scheme, and sought to enlist her aid for a small part in it. But Phoebe Fraunce told General Washington, and afterward saw her lover hanged.

Fraunce sold the place in 1783, and became Washington's steward.

LEGISLATURE SPENDS OVER SIX MILLIONS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—Appropriations made by the legislature, just adjourned, total \$6,319,084.75. This is slightly above the limit placed by the tax limitation amendment, but when the \$10,000 loaned to the flax industry is repaid the total will be within the law. Following are figures on the appropriations:

Grand total allowed and appropriated from budget estimate, \$6,073,776.35.

Grand total allowed for special miscellaneous appropriation bills and appropriations made for same, \$245,318.40.

Grand total of appropriations, \$6,319,084.75.

Total of available revenue, \$6,308,505.82.

Deficiency under 6 per cent limitation amendment, \$9,587.93.

Money loaned by legislature to flax industry to be repaid on sale of flax by state board of control, \$10,553.58.

Apparent balance left over amount allowed by 6 per cent amendment from various sources of revenue, \$974.65.

Amount of unexpended balances left in the treasury from appropriations made for 1915-1916, \$133,000.

Money state will have on hand for emergencies during years of 1917-1918, \$133,074.

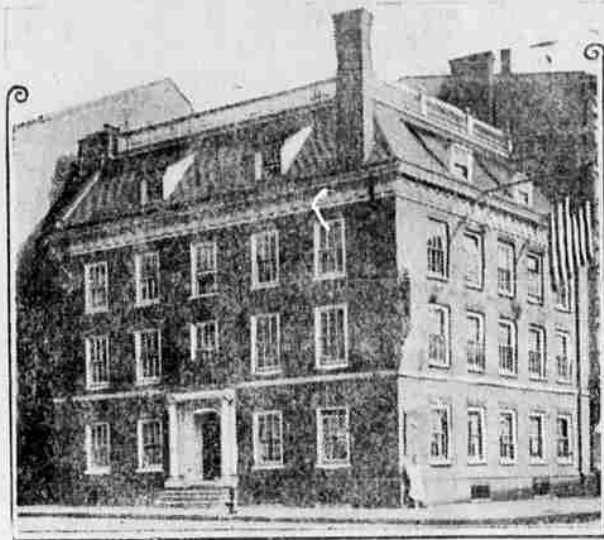
MEXICANS ORDER AMERICANS BATHED

MEXICO, Feb. 22.—Retaliatory quarantine measures were applied by the military authorities here today upon orders from the federal health service in Mexico City. All passengers on street cars and in automobiles who went to Juarez today were stopped at the Mexican end of the international bridge and required to have bath and vaccination tickets. As no passengers had these certificates they were detained at the bridge, but later permitted to transact their affairs here. It was stated that the same regulations which are being enforced at the United States quarantine station would be applied to Americans crossing to the American side.

GERMANY GUARDS AGAINST TAX EVASIONS

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A Berlin dispatch received by Reuter by way of Amsterdam, says that in addition to the budget of 1917, the reichstag will deal with a supplementary budget providing for a non-recurring extraordinary expenditure of 15,000,000,000 marks to be covered by credits. A bill also will be submitted levying a 20 per cent additional tax on the extraordinary war tax.

In order to prevent evasions of war taxes through departure from Germany, another bill will be introduced requiring from individuals leaving the country security for future war taxes.



Fraunce's Tavern, near the Battery, New York, where George Washington delivered his Farewell Address.

STATE TO LEND MONEY TO FARMERS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—Preparations for administering the rural credit law, passed by the legislature, were made by the state land board at a meeting held yesterday and it is expected that within the week bids for \$50,000 in bonds will be called for.

Besides deciding that the state should, as far as possible, purchase the short term bonds, the board instructed Attorney General Brown to prepare the necessary application blanks, and instructions for the school board attorneys who will receive them. Under the law the board is authorized to employ appraisers, but, for the present, work will be performed by the school board attorneys in the various counties.

Provision is made in the law that 10 per cent of the bonds shall be subject to call at any time after five years, and 10 per cent after 10 years. The remainder are long-term bonds. State Treasurer Kay declared that it would be impossible to sell short-term bonds at par, but that he would purchase them at par with trust funds held by him as treasurer. Under the law a certain percent of principal, as well as interest, must be paid on the loan each year, and it is believed that the long-term loans for the most part will be asked for. The board members expect, during the first month, to loan at least \$200,000.

DR. GEARY HONORED BY FORMER ASSOCIATES

PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—Dr. E. P. Geary, former county physician, was honor guest last night at a banquet given by his former associates on the staff of the Multnomah county hospital.

Since he came here from Medford 14 years ago, Dr. Geary was county physician, and it was under his supervision that the county hospital was established in 1909. During the dinner at the University club, many physicians paid tribute to Dr. Geary, dealing with different phases of his career and his many activities. Among the speakers were Dr. E. A. Pierre, Dr. A. W. Bard, Dr. Ralph A. Fenton, Dr. A. S. Nichols and Dr. A. E. Rockey.

122 OF INDIANA POLITICIANS INDICTED

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 22.—Five republicans were among those who surrendered themselves this morning on indictments for election frauds. All were accompanied by their bondsmen.

Ten democrats, including Chief of Police Edgar Schmitt and E. B. O'Leary, city controller, and two republicans surrendered and were released on bond last night.

A total of 122 Evansville persons, 41 democrats and 81 republicans, were indicted.



EIGHT MEASURES TO BE VOTED UPON

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—Eight important measures will go on the ballot for the vote of the people at the special election, to be held June 4, next. The most important of these is the \$6,000,000 bonding bill, passed in the closing hours of the legislative session. Others to be voted on by the people are: The expenditure of \$400,000 in the next four years for a new penitentiary; raising the pay of the members of the legislature from \$3 to \$6 a day and doubling the mileage allowance; authorizing the assessors of Western Oregon to restore the Oregon & California grant lands to the tax rolls; requiring cities to hold all elections on the date of the general election; to prevent the repeal of any part of the constitution by implication; to enable the Port of Portland to build and operate steamships, and to provide classified assessment of property. Any other measures against which the referendum is invoked within the next 90 days will also go on the ballot.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE SUBMITTED IN MAINE

AUGUSTA, Maine, Feb. 22.—By unanimous vote the senate today adopted a resolution providing for woman suffrage by constitutional amendment. The measure, which the house adopted yesterday 112 to 35, now goes to Governor Mink for approval and will be submitted to the voters at the September election. Governor Mink in his inaugural address, advocated a referendum on the suffrage issue.

Advertisement for Mother's Friend, an external remedy for expectant mothers. The ad includes a circular logo with a woman and child, and text describing the product's benefits for relieving various ailments during pregnancy.

Advertisement for Lilly's Soluble Sulphur. The ad features the text 'Be Up-to-date' and 'Don't handicap your efficiency and your profits. Spray your fruit trees the modern way with Lilly's Soluble Sulphur (Compound)'. It lists various benefits like 'No sediment', 'No freezing', and 'No leakage', and includes an image of the product container.

LEGISLATURE GAVE \$1119 EXTRA PAY TO STENOGRAPHERS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—On the last night of the legislative session, resolutions to pay various clerks and stenographers overtime, were put through both houses, making another dip into the money of the taxpayers to the extent of \$1,119.

Early in the session, when the members were all shouting economy, resolutions were passed providing that no overtime should be paid to stenographers and clerks, but the temptation on the last night could not be resisted.

Senator J. C. Smith of Josephine county was chairman of the senate committee on legislative expenses, and his wife is in the list of clerks, who were paid for five days' overtime at \$5 a day.

The senate paid each of the enrolling and engrossing clerks for five days' overtime. It paid the clerks of the judiciary and revision of laws committees, each of whom received \$10 a day, for two days' overtime.

In the house every stenographer and clerk was given at least one day's overtime, while the stenographers employed by Representatives Bowman, Elmore, Rowe and Scott, were each given pay for five days' overtime.

It was explained that they were given five days' extra pay because the last day they did work for more than one member. Representative Goode's stenographer was given three days' extra pay.

Even the house consolidation committee, which started out with five clerks, and was forced by action of the house to reduce the number to two, paid one of its clerks for an extra day, at \$6 a day.

This legislature spent for clerks and stenographers over \$4,000 more than did the 1915 legislature.

CHAMBERLAIN REGRETS LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Senator Chamberlain deems action by the Oregon legislature in attempting to deal with taxation of grant lands an unwise proceeding.

"It tends to complicate an already complicated situation," he said. "Lands of the grant under the law will not be subject to taxation by the state from the time the law was passed reverting title in the government."

"The only effect will be to cloud the title of the lands later on, possibly making it necessary to have another legislature repeal this unwise statute or enter the courts for the purpose of clearing title."

"Also this action tends to prejudice against this state many who have been our friends, and as congress has to deal with the subject further, it will increase the difficulties in securing favorable treatment for the state. We have had trouble enough on that score as it is."

Advertisement for Fatima Cigarettes. The ad features an illustration of a pack of cigarettes and the text 'The Original Turkish Blend', '20 for 15¢', and 'FATIMA A Sensible Cigarette'.

Advertisement for Swift's Arsenate of Lead and Rex Lime Sulphur. The ad includes the text 'FREE FROM PESTS That's What Your Orchard Will Be If You Use Swift's Arsenate of Lead Rex Lime Sulphur Black Leaf 40' and 'EARL FRUIT CO. OF THE NORTHWEST J. C. Brown, District Manager.'

Advertisement for Nature Arch Shoes. The ad features the text 'NATURE ARCH SHOES at \$6 Overcome your foot troubles and save you \$2.00 a pair. Come, let us show you a good shoe.' and 'VAUPEL'S ASHLAND'S QUALITY STORE'.

Advertisement for Medford Commercial College. The ad includes the text 'MEDFORD COMMERCIAL COLLEGE Under New Management—Offers Standard Courses by Individual Instruction and Class Method in—BOOKKEEPING, PENMANSHIP, SHORTHAND, TYPEWRITING, ARITHMETIC, PRACTICAL ENGLISH, SPELLING, ETC.' and 'Graduates Assisted to Positions Make Early Reservations for Places. SEE THE MANAGER Phone 15-L 31 N. Grape Street.'

Advertisement for Bardwell Fruit Co. The ad features the text 'BARDWELL FRUIT CO. STEWART FRUIT CO. Distributors Lime and Sulphur, by Barrel or Bulk Arsenate of Lead and All Orchard Supplies' and 'PACKERS AND SHIPPERS "SIGNAL BRAND." R. G. BARDWELL, Manager. F. E. WAHL, Sec. Office and Warehouse opposite Mail Tribune. Phone 124'.

Advertisement for Ford cars. The ad features the Ford logo and the text 'Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR Ford Service for the owners of Ford cars is a fact—courteous, prompt, efficient. Service which covers the entire country, almost as a blanket, to the end that Ford cars are kept in use every day. Drive where you will, there's a Ford Agent nearby to look after your Ford car. The "Universal Car" will bring you universal service. Better buy yours today. Touring Car \$360, Runabout, \$245, Coupelet, \$505, Town Car, \$595, Sedan \$645—all f. o. b. Detroit. We solicit your order. Easy Terms. C. E. GATES'.