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A LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

THE legislature has once again submitted a bill to the people creating the office of lieutenant governor at a salary of \$10 a day with nothing to do to earn it.

In 1912 the people voted down a similar measure, the vote standing yes, 50,562, no 61,644. In 1914 they overwhelmed a similar bill, with the vote of 52,040 for and 143,804 against—a majority of 91,764 against the measure. These elections show plainly enough the sentiment of the people—but what does the legislature care for the people, when there is a chance to play politics?

For 60 years, since Oregon was admitted as a state, the state has got along without a lieutenant governor, who is a fifth wheel in state affairs, a supernumerary to consume taxpayers' money with no services in return—and in all probability, they will continue to worry along without this frill.

The constitution provides that, in case of the death or disability of the governor, the secretary of state becomes governor—as was the case when Benson succeeded Chamberlain. In case of his disability, the president of the senate becomes acting governor, as happened when Judge Boverman took Benson's place during the latter's illness. The arrangement, in the rare cases it has had to be invoked, worked as satisfactorily as if we had a lieutenant governor.

The present effort of the politicians is aimed to prevent present Secretary of State Olcott from becoming governor in case of Governor Withycombe's disability or death—not because Olcott would not fill the position satisfactorily to the people, but because he might oust some of the darlings of the machine which steam-rolled through the bill in the dying hours of the session.

Everyone hopes that Governor Withycombe will recover from his reported indisposition and regain his shattered health, but in case he does not, there can be no objection to Olcott, who is admittedly the best secretary of state Oregon ever had, whose sound business judgment as indicated by his votes on the board of control, commend him to all—and who was second choice for governor in the republican primaries last year.

Taxes are high enuf without adding any more superfluous office-holders and the people can be depended upon to vote against this political luxury.

To Recover Stolen Lands

(From the Oregon Journal.)

The people have the state land board's approval, the attorney general's approval and the legislature's approval of the plan for securing restitution of fraudulently acquired Oregon lands.

Only three men in all the legislature voted against the proposal. These were Mr. Westerlund, Mr. Bean and Mr. Gore of the house. In the senate the vote was unanimous.

The bill had the unanimous approval of the joint ways and means committee, the approval of the public lands committee of the house, and the approval of the public lands committee of the senate.

If this legislature had done nothing else, the session and all it cost would be fully justified by the action thus taken. The one mindedness of the beginning in this enterprise of restoring that which has been stolen is splendid augury for the final success of the undertaking.

We require restitution of a stolen automobile. We require the bank clerk, if captured, to return whatever of the loot that is yet in his hands. The courts, both federal and state, have, in recent decisions, held that we should do the same thing with men who have fraudulently acquired public lands.

The Oregon legislature has almost unanimously taken the same view. The Oregon state land board unan-

mously took that view. It is progress toward a better moral and civic atmosphere in this state.

So long as the theft of public lands remained unchallenged, so long as one of the greatest robberies of a state public domain went unquestioned, so long as we closed our eyes to the tragedy of the children's school fund pillaged, why preach morality and attempt to make the civic virtue of the commonwealth all that it ought to be?

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This week the basket ball teams of the Washington and Lincoln schools played at Central Point. The scores were: Lincoln school 27, Central Point 4. Washington, 19; Central Point, 6.

FEBRUARY MONTH OF DRIZZLE WITH 3.49 IN. RAINFALL

February was a wet month, a total of 3.49 inches having fallen at Medford, the outlying districts report a heavier precipitation. This is slightly below the 30 year average of 3.62 inches, but the wettest February in recent years. But one rainfall exceeded half an inch, that of February 17, but there was a more or less intermittent drizzle throughout the month, there being 20 days of cloudy weather, 4 days of rainfall, only 2 sunshiny days and 12 partly cloudy days.

The record rainfalls for February are 8.03 inches in 1890, with 9.63 inches in 1902, 10.37 inches in 1904, and 6.5 inches in 1900. Since then we have had sunny Februaries with slight rainfalls, though in 1917 there was a precipitation of 3.37 inches.

The average for March is 2.34 inches, the record being in 1907 with 6.13 inches. Since then March has been a dry month, with 1.76 inches in 1917 and 1.09 in 1918.

February Record

Table with columns: Date, Max., Min., Prec. Rows 1-28 showing daily weather and precipitation data for February 1919.

Monthly Summary

Temperature, mean maximum, 48.3; mean minimum, 33.3; mean, 40.8. Maximum, 62, 8th; minimum, 22, 1st. Greatest daily range, 24. Precipitation—Total, 3.49 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, .98 on the 9th. Snow—Total snowfall, trace. Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 20; clear, 2; partly cloudy, 12; cloudy, 24; rain, 4. Dates of killing frost—1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 15, 18, 21, 23, 24, 27.

PALMER CONFIRMED AS ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The senate judiciary committee by unanimous vote ordered a favorable report on the nomination of A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, to be attorney general.

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PROTEST BRITISH WOMEN'S AID TO GERMAN BABIES

LONDON. — (Correspondence of Associated Press.) The action of the Women's International league in sending 500,000 rubber nipples to Germany to save German babies and its efforts to get money to send another half million has been the subject of considerable controversy in England. The organization is the British section of the International Committee of Women for Permanent Peace.

Shipment of the nipples was suggested by a correspondent in Germany. He quoted the head of a children's hospital to the effect that, if something was not done to help German babies, by 1933 there would be no German soldiers fit to fight. Commenting on this statement the Evening Standard says:

"There are crowds of people in this country, who while loving children, want to know if the first and most imperative duty of Great Britain is to raise up a German army for 1933. There are many areas upon which German children's fathers dropped bombs killing English children, and still many more in France and Belgium, whose childhood came face to face with these German children's fathers who would tell where the charitable thought of Great Britain as regards children might first be focused."

After listening to an appeal for funds to purchase the nipples, George Egerton, (Mrs. Golding Bright), the author, gave out a statement in which she said that the "child in the one thing that counts, yet I say frankly the appeal left me cold." "The boys whose bandages were torn off," she continued, who had cups of water dashed from their parched lips by German women, were all some British mother's baby once; these wonderful boys, in the thoughts of broken-hearted mothers, are always just her baby. I had too much faith in the common sense of my sex to believe they would supply Fritz with a million pieces of rubber, but I find my faith was not justified."

The secretary of the league has stated that the league's work at home need not be curtailed in any way to help the German babies. "We ourselves feel it may mean a great deal more than merely giving nipples to starving babies," she said. "It may create a better feeling which after all, is the only guarantee of peace afterwards."



With a large army of occupation abroad, and many problems incident to demobilization at home, employment, disabled soldiers, etc., Red Cross home service sections have work ahead of them for many months to come.

The Red Cross is in greater need than ever of people trained for this work that is so vital, not only to our soldiers and sailors and their families, but to the whole country. The 12th division institute of home service begins Monday, March 10th, 1919 in the Gas Co. building, Portland. Registration fee of \$3 is the only charge.

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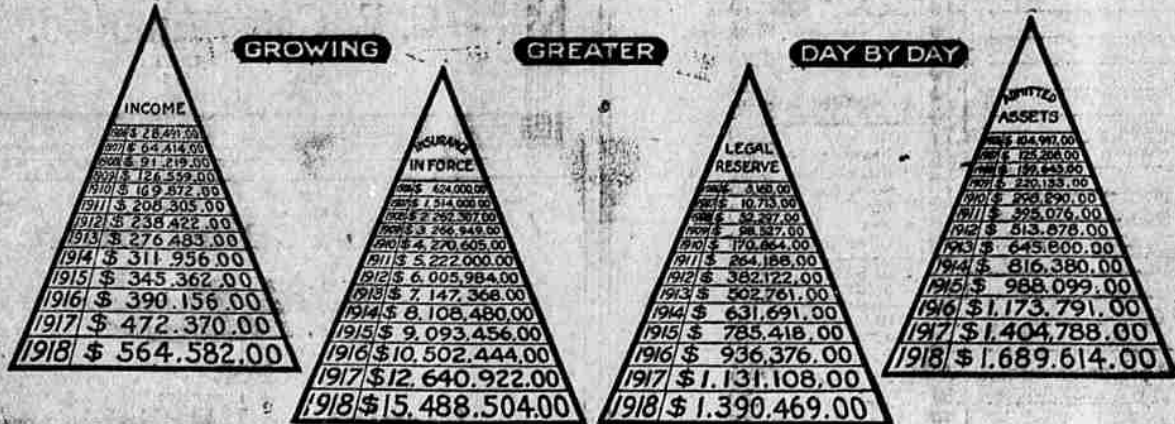
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