

OLCOTT TO MAKE MANY APPOINTMENT UPON COMMISSIONS

SALEM, March 6.—Nine laws were passed by the recent legislature creating offices and boards and commissions which must be filled by appointment by the governor. In all but one instance those appointments will be made by Governor Olcott. The one exception is the soldiers' and sailors' commission, created to have charge of expenditure of the \$100,000 emergency fund appropriated for relief of stranded soldiers and sailors. That commission was appointed by Governor Withcombe.

Among the most important appointments in the list to be made by Governor Olcott will be the board of conciliation and arbitration and Oregon land settlement commission, while much interest will be centered in the appointment of a judge of the newly created court of domestic relations in Portland.

One member of the board of conciliation and arbitration is to be appointed from a list of five names to be submitted to the governor by the Employers' association, while another is to be appointed from a similar list furnished by the State Federation of Labor, while the two are to select the third member.

Will Select Court Judge

The Oregon land settlement commission is to consist of five members to be appointed by the governor. This commission has a fund of \$50,000 for its immediate expenditure in developing plans for providing established farm homes for Oregon soldiers, while an additional \$750,000 will be available for use by the commission if voters approve the \$5,000,000 reconstruction bond issue.

Selection of a judge for the court of domestic relations for Multnomah county will be made from a list of three names to be submitted by the circuit court judges of that county.

Another important commission will be the tax supervisory commission for Multnomah county. This commission will be composed of three members who will act as an advisory capacity for all tax levying bodies in Multnomah county.

A board of five is to be appointed to be known as the state board of architect examiners. Another board to be appointed is to be known as the board of auto mechanics examiners.

May Lease Present Offices

It will consist of three members. Still another created by the last legislature will be known as the state board of engineering examiners, which is to consist of nine members to be appointed by the governor. Another commission of three members is to be appointed to codify laws relating to children.

As to existing boards and commissions and offices, which are filled by appointment by the chief executive, Governor Olcott has not indicated what his policy will be, but if he follows in this matter the policy he has adhered to as a member of state board of control, he will let present appointees understand that it is business efficiency that he requires of employees under his direction and so long as they deliver the goods from a business standpoint, and cut out political intrigue, they need not fear deappointment.

As a member of the state board of control he has consistently stood by state employees whom he considered efficient, while he has opposed the petty politician on the state payroll.

This applies to commissions or offices which have definite state functions to perform, while it probably will not apply to offices where administrative policy is to be carried out, as in such instances it is considered likely the governor would want persons who are not only efficient, but who are also in harmony with his policies.

CHAMBERLAIN TO FLY TO NEW YORK IN AIRSHIP

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—Senator Chamberlain, who will address the Sphinx club in New York Monday, may make the trip to that city by airplane next Sunday. His son, Dr. Charles T. Chamberlain of Portland, and Mrs. Chamberlain made a flight in an army airplane over the city of Washington Wednesday.

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GERMANS FLEE FROM CITIES TO AMERICAN ZONE

COBLENZ, Mar. 7.—(By Associated Press.) The disturbances in Berlin and other parts of unoccupied Germany have resulted in such an increase in the number of civilians eager to reach the bridgehead area where conditions are more normal that the American forces of occupation have been compelled to take steps to prevent Germans from all parts of the country over-running the occupied zone along the Rhine.

Only those desiring to travel on urgent business or are returning to their homes will be allowed to pass within the American occupied area.

The Germans within the occupied zone are already laying plans for the days after the Americans have withdrawn. Applications were made recently for the privilege of holding public meetings to urge the organization of volunteer forces to take over affairs when the Americans left the district.

These applications, however, were denied today by the Third Army officials on the ground that meetings of this kind were prohibited by the orders forbidding any organized enemy forces within the bridgehead limits.

BUSINESS FAST ADJUSTING ITSELF TO NEW CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—Confidence that business conditions are readjusting themselves "in a fairly satisfactory way," altho not as fast as many interests wish, was expressed by the federal reserve board in a review for February of reports by federal reserve agents in each district.

"Reports as to labor unemployment have been numerous in the press," says the board's review, "but the reports of federal reserve agents show that there has probably thus far been over-anxiety and exaggeration with respect to this matter. From several manufacturing districts it is reported that labor conditions are far from satisfactory and that there is considerable unemployment, but it is also noted that the condition does not seem to have grown worse during February."

It appears that the surplus of labor is smallest in the south and southwest.

"There is as yet no general revision of wages downward, altho there are indications of a tendency to let wages settle to a definite level which shall without question be higher than that existing before the war. There has been a tendency to provide labor for a greater number of persons by eliminating overtime or establishing short-time."

KILEAUEA SHOWS GREATEST ACTIVITY IN MANY YEARS

SAN FRANCISCO.—The greatest activity in 45 years is reported from Kilauea, Hawaii, one of the world's greatest volcanoes. In a letter received here from L. W. de Vis-Norton, secretary of the Hawaiian Volcano Research association.

"I have returned from a prolonged stay at Kilauea volcano," he wrote. "The lava column is undergoing an unprecedented rise and is overflowing in all directions from the fire-pit into the main crater. There now are five lakes instead of one. I have walked, with Professor T. A. Jagger, Jr., the observatory director, over the whole of the area of the fire-pit, on the surface of the lava column, and came away with a sort of bewildering kaleidoscope of white-hot caverns, plashing fountains, and seething turmoil, impossible of connected description. It is a wonderful experience to stand at the side of a glowing cone ten feet high, and look down thru a kind of window into a roaring inferno beneath, while the ground rocks and heaves under one's feet.

"As the lava will continue to rise until March 21, we are in for some very wonderful displays, and it is 45 years since we have had such intense activity at the crater. Mauna

Loa (on Hilo Island) is becoming restless and four great columns of smoke and incandescence gas have been rising for some days, but the absence of earthquakes, and of night-glow from the summit, appear to indicate that no immediate eruption is to be feared."

FIRST WOOL AUCTIONS NET A GOOD PRICE

PORTLAND, Mar. 7.—Portland's first wool auctions held at the office

of the government wool administrator, Charles Green, proved a signal success today.

A total of about 1,150,000 pounds of fleece was offered by the government and the withdrawals from sale were about 22 per cent. The prices obtained were most satisfactory and ranged from 1 cent a pound below the government valuation to 5 cents above it.

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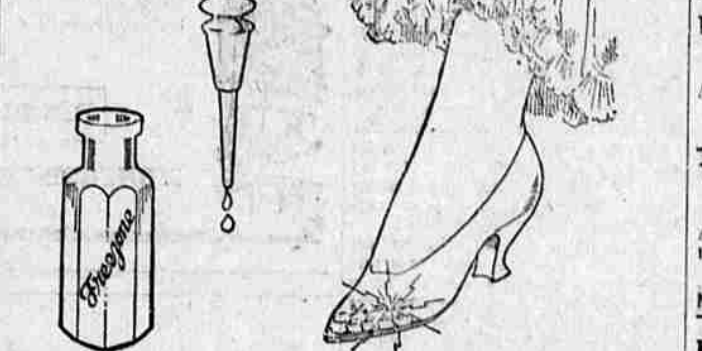
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