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THE OVERWORKED RAILROAD COMMISSION.

HERE has been considerable complaint about the state railroad commissioners because they refuse to take any action on the matter of Salem's water charges. The matter was submitted to the commission more than eight months ago.

We thought for some time the commission was to blame for this delay which looked to us as being inexcusable. However the matter has been cleared up and the commission is held blameless.

Some time ago the commission had a matter submitted to it that was very properly given the right of way over the petition of 18,000 citizens of Salem.

Some months ago the Southern Pacific Railroad company in making out a bill for freight hauled for a man named Swan, residing at Lytle Lake, made a mistake and charged him 63 cents less than its rates called for.

The commission also took a hand and sought the man with the long and downy-throated name, but in vain. Letters were sent broadcast and answers received from all points of the compass and some from other places, both by the commission and the Southern Pacific, but Swan remained out of sight.

Still, under the commissioners' ruling the company is guilty of rebating, and the commission is guilty of conniving at the crime. We are glad indeed to know the commission can now find time to hunt up some other excuse for refusing to act on the Salem petition.

We used to think the Southern Pacific was a pretty tough old master in the days when it ran the state and we rejoiced when we got it out of politics, but if we have not swapped Wing Log for King Stork, and are not a badly fooled lot of frogs what are we?

Now that State Printer Harris has cancelled the contract with the union printers will he have to call on Col. Lawton to shoot the 'rats' applying for jobs?

The Standard Oil company of California makes a showing of its business for the year 1913 which is quite interesting. It has a capital stock of \$50,000,000 and declared a quarterly dividend of \$2.50 per share or at the rate of ten per cent per annum on the stock.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers TRANSACTS A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES TRAVELERS CHECKS

PLAYGROUND MOVEMENT PROGRESSED IN 1913

Reports From Many Towns and Cities Tell Same Story of Great Strides Made in Work.

71 HAVE RECREATION WORK DURING ENTIRE YEAR

Activities Include Many Useful Pursuits, as Well as "Everything That Will Bring Joy."

New York, Jan. 30.—The Playground and Recreation Association of America has just completed its annual stock-taking. Blanks to be filled out to give an adequate idea of recreation activities were sent to every community of 5,000 which had indicated to the Association that some effort towards public recreation had been made.

Six hundred and forty-two cities, report themselves in various stages of activity. Of these, 342 have regular paid leaders. One hundred and forty-nine school playgrounds, often supervised by public school teachers at recess or after school, are reported. Seventy cities that never before had playgrounds have taken initial steps, through appointing a recreation secretary, forming an association or a commission, securing land on bond issues or requesting appropriations.

The Playground and Recreation Association of America stands for play leadership in playground and recreation centers. Therefore the 342 cities reporting regular paid leadership are the primary interest in the Association Year book. Many committees report playgrounds one year and none the next. Almost invariably the explanation is, "No play leadership."

These 342 cities report 6318 workers and 2402 centers; 313 of the 342 report an average daily attendance of 454,348 during July and August. One hundred and fifty-two cities maintained 623 evening school centers. The total average attendance in 101 cities was 62,224.

Recreation movement are particularly pleased that twenty-one cities report recreation work throughout the year with 763 workers employed throughout the year. The activities include not only games and athletics but gardening, wood-work arts, crafts, singing, skating, dramatics, folk dancing, story-telling, pageants, swimming, wading—"everything that will bring joy and happy self-expression."

WHITE'S SALARY RAISED.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 30.—The resolution raising the salary of President White of the United Mine Workers of America passed yesterday afternoon.

TURN HAIR DARK WITH SAGE TEA

Grandma Kept Her Locks Dark, Glossy and Thick With a Simple Mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's treatment, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mossy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy" for about 50 cents a bottle. It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied.

JOHNSON BOASTS OF PROGRESSIVE STRENGTH

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—Governor Hiram Johnson was jubilant today over the strength the Progressive party is showing throughout California in the 1914 registration race. Although the Republicans so far have been in the lead, the governor expressed confidence that his party will overcome this difference before the registration books close on May 27.

Up to date the Republicans have shown the greatest strength in Los Angeles and San Diego. In each place they lead the Progressives by about 1,000 voters. In San Francisco the Republicans are about 400 ahead, and the Democrats about half a hundred. Seventeen centers of population recently showed the Republican registration to about 9,700; Progressives 7,125 and Democrats 5,426.

"The figures show," said Governor Johnson today, "a phenomenal registration of Progressives. Here is a new party that in a few days registers almost 2,000 more members than one of the old parties, and 2,000 less than the other old party. The present registration represents only about one-twenty-fifth of the total vote that will be cast in November when a full state ticket and a successor to United States Senator Perkins will be elected. I expect the Progressive candidates to poll more votes than the combined vote of all other candidates."

"When it is understood that registration does not mean the voting strength of candidates in any respect, and that most of the people register from force of habit or tradition, the enrollment of the California Progressive party is nothing more than astounding. The Republicans and the Democrats have already shown how they fear the results by their present activities. On the other hand the Progressive party has not done one-half the work that the other parties have done and they have shown better results."

THE ROUND-UP.

Brownsville is settling the question as to who shall be postmaster by having an election to decide it. Those getting mail through the office will be allowed to vote, and the number is something more than 1000. Among the candidates is one woman.

Multnomah county has registered more than 12,000 so far this year, of whom 9414 are men. The Republicans more than equal all the others combined.

Seaside is to have an amusement park costing \$75,000. It will front the ocean just north of the Hotel Moore.

Railroad Commissioner Miller is at Medford hearing complaints against the Southern Pacific.

Greene Adams was placed on trial at St. Helens Wednesday, charged with the murder of Robert McPherson, at Vernonia last summer.

T. J. Healey, a Portland policeman, was shot by a holdup man at Portland Heights Tuesday night, and is in a precarious condition. The policeman returned the fire, and brought down his man, who is also in the hospital, and who is also liable to die.

Ashland is taking the initiatory steps toward getting a supply of water from the mineral springs near that place.

The state railroad commission has ordered the Great Southern railroad to build stockyards at Dufur.

The town of Wheeler, in Tillamook county, has the record for growth during the year 1913. It had a population of 50 at the beginning of the year and 450 at its end, a gain of 800 per cent.

Prize fighting and boxing by professionals will be prohibited in Portland hereafter, by order of Mayor Albee, who says the late exhibitions of this kind have been prizefighting, and nothing short of that.

David Swing Rieker continues to burden the Oregonian with stories about the roads and his wife. The latter seems to be given the most attention in his writings.

The Southern Pacific line to Tillamook, which has been buried by slides and drowned by floods for more than a month now is open for traffic again.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE. Three persons were overcome by smoke and a score of others rescued from a rooming house at 261 First street early yesterday. The property damage was \$5000. The persons overcome, carried from their rooms by firemen, are not in a serious condition. An explosion was heard shortly before the fire was discovered.

Mountains of New Spring Goods now received every day by freight and express. Come and walk through the big Chicago store and see the new arrivals.

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SALEM OREGON CHICAGO STORE THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY

SACRAMENTO IS SORE OVER NEWSPAPER STORY

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 30.—War against the Associated Press has been started here by the city commissioners, as the result of a flashy story printed in the San Diego Union December 31 under an Associated Press service line. "The story was played up considerably and in substance stated that the people of Sacramento were fighting wildly to keep the flood waters from coming over the levees," said Commissioner E. M. Wilder today. "As a matter of fact, the water was ten feet from the top of the levees at that time, and there was no excitement whatever. We will place the matter in the hands of the chamber of commerce and see if we cannot make the Associated Press stop telling lies about us."

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MAY INTERVIEW WILSON.

Vera Cruz, Cal., Jan. 30.—That La Emetrio De La Garza and Ramon Caron, two well known Mexican lawyers, have been selected to go to Washington and endeavor to see President Wilson as General Huerta's unofficial representatives was reported here yesterday afternoon. It was said their mission would be to endeavor to persuade the American executive of the justice of Huerta's claim to recognition.

FORTIFICATION BILL PASSES.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The fortification bill, carrying appropriations aggregating \$5,000,000, including \$457,000 for new coast fortifications in Hawaii and \$300,000 for enlarging Philippine fortifications, was passed yesterday afternoon by the house.

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