

STATE AND IDAHO NEWS

Latest Items of Interest From Utah and Gem State

UTAH G. O. P. PLAN CHANGES

Reorganization of Several Departments Now Under Consideration

SALT LAKE, Dec. 29.—Reorganization of several state departments is among the plans of Republican leaders, working as a committee with the aim of putting into effect some of the promises made by the party during the campaign. A state board of equalization, to consist of three members instead of four, as at present, is a part of the plan. The reorganization of the board would carry with it the termination of the terms of the present members of the board.

CHANGE IN LAND BOARD

Another change which has been suggested is a state board of land commissioners, to consist of one member, who shall have power to engage such assistants as he may require to perform the work now done by the state board members. The present board consists of R. E. Davis, president, Democrat; Arthur Kahn, secretary, Republican; and N. P. Irwin, Democrat, appointed for terms ending in 1923, and Richard Jones, Democrat, and Dr. M. L. Stewart, Republican, whose terms expire next year.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Similarly, the state dairy and food department would undoubtedly come within this department, though perhaps a few of its multiplicity of duties might go to the proposed department of agriculture. The state board of health would undoubtedly take over all offices that have to do with public welfare, including the state board of examiners of barbers, the state board of nurse examiners, and the many other boards to examine persons applying to practice the various professions in Utah.

RETAIN CHEMIST

The state chemist's office has commonly been associated with the proposed consolidation of health offices in the past. However, inasmuch as a great proportion of the state chemist's work has to do with criminal prosecutions, it is believed that it will be found difficult to amalgamate it with any other department. This is particularly held to be an argument against permitting the state chemist's work to be assumed by the University of Utah.

STATE ROAD COMMISSION

The state road commission is an organization in which many Democrats themselves were prone to advocate changes. It is composed of four elective state officers, governor, attorney general, secretary of state and auditor, and one appointive, the state engineer. Republicans are said not to see the matter in the same light as the Democrats, and it is quite possible that the personnel of the commission will be left severely alone.

"WHITE THOUGH BLACK" HINDU MADE CITIZEN

SALT LAKE, Dec. 29.—A Hindu is white although he is black. This is the finding of District Judge J. D. Call of Brigham, as a consequence. Purna Singh, 46, is now an American citizen. The judge ruled that a Hindu, being white in the meaning of the naturalization statutes, which limits applicants for citizenship to all free persons of the white race or persons of African birth or descent.

LARSON REPORTS ON REVENUES OF STATE

SALT LAKE, Dec. 29.—A biennial report, submitted to Governor Bamberger yesterday by State Treasurer Daniel O. Larson, shows revenue receipts of the State of Utah during the last two years as \$14,414,356.08. In addition to this, non-revenue receipts of the state were \$11,527,552.81, making a grand total of \$25,941,908.89. By far the greatest amount of the revenue received came from general property taxes, there being \$6,336,959.25 received from state and state school taxes, and \$1,709,055.23 received from state road taxes and other taxes. This makes a total of \$8,046,014.48. The special taxes amount to \$3,347,072.65. Features of this are the inheritance tax, which is the largest contributor but one, bringing in a total of \$854,470.52 during the two years; the occupation tax on mines, which was the largest contributor but which is not more, which brought in a total of \$97,731.95; and the motor vehicle license tax, which goes to state roads and which amounted during the two years to \$637,265.47.

Returned investments from state land sales and from state land and water sales do not come in as revenue, but they amounted to \$2,659,706, and interest on such investments and rentals do come in as revenue, and these amounted during the two years to \$823,113.68. The report shows that Salt Lake county contributed nearly half of the state and state school taxes, contributing \$1,241,935.68 of a total of \$2,879,741.21. The share of Salt Lake county is not so prominent in state county taxes or in road taxes and appropriations, but is exceedingly large in proportion to fines, forfeitures, realtors' fees, etc., where it furnishes \$339,231 of a total of \$11,880.67. The proportion of the total received from Salt Lake county to that received from the state is \$1,323,362.82, as against \$5,618,545.07.

SERVICE MAN INSANE FROM SHELL SHOCK

TWIN FALLS, Ida., Dec. 29.—Suffering from acute dementia, caused by shell shock suffered during service in France, Marvin Monroe, 24, son of Dr. James Monroe of Bull, and a Rhodes scholarship man, was taken by his father to the State Mental hospital at Blackfoot for treatment yesterday. It is not expected that the young man will ever recover his full mental faculties. Irresponsibility, which gradually developed during the past year, has been manifested recently in violent forms, according to evidence adduced at a hearing before commissioners, impounded in probate court here Monday.

GIVEN PROMOTION

IDAHO FALLS, Dec. 29.—R. E. Roberts, manager of the Idaho Falls branch of the Boise-Payette Lumber company for the past four years, has been transferred to the main offices of the concern at Boise. W. B. Boyse has been appointed as local manager of the Idaho Falls branch.

SKIDMORE TO HEAD TEACHERS

Boxelder Man Elected President of U. E. A.; Sessions Continue

SALT LAKE, Dec. 29.—By a decided majority of votes, Charles H. Skidmore, Superintendent of the Boxelder county schools, was yesterday elected president of the Utah Educational association. Professor Skidmore received 183 votes, his only opponent, Professor B. H. Holland, received 107. The English department of the University of Utah, polling 308 votes.

TWO TRUSTEES

There were but two candidates for the two vacancies in the trusteeship; hence there was no contest in this regard. N. B. Giles of Jordan district, Salt Lake county, received 659 votes, while 633 ballots were cast for A. J. Ashman, superintendent of the Sevier county schools.

There was more than the excellent address on vital educational topics to make the session of yesterday morning worthy of special attention. Music of the better sort was made a distinctive feature of the program, not alone in the numbers preliminary to the scheduled program of speeches, but also in the artistic manner in which given by Professor J. J. McCallister, chief layman of the church, in the hall hour following the addresses. While many of the Salt Lake teachers have long made a practice of hearing the great organ at infrequent intervals, there were hundreds from outside the city to whom the organist and instrumentalists were virtually unknown.

PRESIDENT GIVES ADDRESS

President A. M. Merrill, in his annual address, discussed "Fundamentals in Education and Citizenship." While congratulating the state of Utah and her teachers on the progress made in the last few years, Dr. Merrill believed that if the duty due the children were to be done, there were several pressing problems that demanded immediate attention.

One of the most important of these questions, in the opinion of the president, is that of proper food and nourishment for the children. In spite of all the attention that has been given to dietetics and home cooking, through the media of the schools, Dr. Merrill held that it was true today that hundreds of thousands of school children all over the country were attending school underfed and undernourished. He said that science had shown sixteen elements absolutely essential to the building of the body in its completeness, and that modern conditions in manufacture of foods had virtually eliminated eight of these elements and reduced four of the other eight by 75 per cent. He instanced a survey made of the lunches in one of the large cities, where it had been shown that 40 per cent of them consisted mainly of cereals, soups and sweetmeats, not fit or proper progress articles of diet for growing children.

NEW HUMANISM DISCUSSED

The classics and modern language sessions met jointly at the west parlor of the Hotel Utah, under the leadership of the Honorable Andrew Anderson and Raymond D. Harriman, both of the University of Utah, are president and secretary, respectively, of the classes section. W. T. Runzler of the Utah University is president of the modern languages section, and Olga Wunderly of the Weber Normal school, Ogden, is secretary. There was an extended program, featured by an address by Dr. Sisson on "The New Humanism."

JUDGE APPOINTED

BOISE, Ida., Dec. 29.—Raymond Gliven of Boise was appointed judge of the Third Judicial District yesterday to succeed Judge Charles P. McCarthy, who was elected to the supreme court bench for a four-year term.

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Judge McCarthy presented his resignation to Governor Davis some time ago, to become effective January 1. Judge Gliven will succeed Judge McCarthy at this time.

State Farm Bureau Session Begins Jan. 6

SALT LAKE, Dec. 29.—"Co-operation" and "A Square Deal" have been announced as the two general topics which will be discussed at the three-day convention of the Utah farm bureau, to be held in Salt Lake on January 6, 7 and 8.

Invitations have been sent to over 50 men and women of western states to speak at the convention. The main convention will be held at the Hotel Utah while the sessions will be held in the Hotel Utah and the Joseph F. Smith memorial building.

Among those who have accepted invitations to give addresses are: G. C. John A. Whitson, president of the University of Utah; Dr. E. G. Peterson, president of the Utah Agricultural college; W. W. Armstrong, president of the National Copper park; F. W. Kirkham, state director of vocational education; Charles T. Tugue, secretary of the Utah Agricultural experiment station; Dr. E. M. Marshall, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and a number of farmers of the state. J. Edward Taylor, commercial agent for the bureau, stated last evening that the program will be announced within three or four days.

The first session of the convention will be held at 9 o'clock in the morning, January 6. The sessions will be followed by a noonday luncheon at the hotel, and in the afternoon there will be another general session. The program will be held in the evening at the L. D. S. I.

Home problems will be the general subject at the morning session of January 7, after which another luncheon will be held at the hotel. "Co-operation" and "The Future of Agriculture" will be topics of the afternoon session. The sessions will hold sessions again in the evening, preparing final reports and recommendations to be submitted on the closing day.

COUNTY BOARD MEETS

LOGAN, Dec. 29.—The county commissioners met today to pass on claims. This was the last meeting of the present board, as the newly elected board will convene next Monday. Ephraim Bergesen, Cornish and Moses Thatcher of Logan will retire. Mr. Bergesen has served on the board since 1912.

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP OF STATE IS SUGGESTED

SALT LAKE, Dec. 29.—George F. McGonagle, state engineer, urges in his biennial report to Governor Bamberger, that a topographical map of Utah be made. He recommends that \$20,000 be appropriated by the legislature for this work. McGonagle declares that the federal government, through the United States geological survey, started to make such a map of the United States in 1852. To date, about four-tenths of the country has been mapped out and it is the practice of the government to spend dollar for dollar wherever a state appropriates money for this purpose.

Topographic maps, according to Mr. McGonagle, are of an incalculable value to a state and aid in stimulating mining, irrigation, drainage, agriculture, road construction and other development. If the state expects to keep abreast with the other states in the development of its natural resources, says the recommendation, the topographic map must be completed.

Under the new irrigation and water rights law providing for the distribution of the public waters of the state, the state engineer has taken over during the last biennium the distribution of water from the following streams: Antelope creek, Big Spring branch, Blue Mountain streams, Coa creek, Grass Trail creek, Kanarra creek, Little Brush creek, Price river, Quail creek, Red creek, Snake River, Sevier river system and the Weber river system. Some of these were taken over on petition of the water users and some on the requests of the courts.

The report devotes a chapter to the progress being made in the adjudication of water rights, and takes up the Sevier and the Weber at some length. Concerning the Weber it says: "It is estimated that there are between 1500 and 2000 water claimants on this river system, and that it will take from two to three years before a determination of all rights will be completed and submitted to the district court."

The work of the engineer's office in connection with water distribution is taken up at considerable length. This also included the Sevier river and, in 1915, the Weber. On the Sevier it was found that the "Higgins decree" classified the primary rights into four classes, and, to give each class its rights, the daily discharge of the river must be determined and the various canal headgates changed accordingly.

Advertisement for '111' cigarettes. Text: 'Try one of the ones from "111" "One-Eleven" Fifth Avenue New York "111" 20 cigarettes 15¢' Includes an illustration of a building.

ter or any home made product, 4-343,382 pounds. Figuring the average richness of milk at 5.5 per cent butter fat, this butter was made from 99,277,325 pounds of milk. At an average price paid by the creameries of 28 cents a pound for butter fat, and the average pound of butter as containing 50 per cent butter fat, the farmer received \$2,915,339.

Large advertisement for 'A SQUARE DEAL FOR AGRICULTURE'. Text: 'At the annual meeting of the Utah State Farm Bureau to be in Salt Lake City, January 6, 7, 8, the subject of a square deal for agriculture will be discussed by recognized experts. A program for the coming year will be adopted. The next year is going to be one of trial for the farmers and we must be prepared to meet any emergency.'

Advertisement for 'The Utah State Farm Bureau'. Text: 'We are entitled to cost of production, plus a fair profit on our investments—in addition to fair wages. We can not work out these problems as individuals. It must be done through organization. Don't complain unless you are willing to make an effort to help clear up things. The farm bureau is our medium for action. It is an organization of farmers and for farmers' interests, formed, financed and officered by farmers. It is your organization. Join the Farm Bureau and get your neighbor to join and give the organization wholehearted support.'

Advertisement for 'The New Victor Records'. Text: 'The New Victor Records Will Make the New Year Bright. January's list of Victor Records is a veritable "whirlwind" of delight for every mood and fancy. Let them help brighten and shorten these long winter nights. Make your selections now.'

Advertisement for 'GLEN BROS. ROBERTS PIANO COMPANY'. Text: 'PHONE 181 2472 HUDSON AVE'.