GOV. RITCHE AND NEW DEAL

The Governor-elect has been almost as busy since his election as before, for the office seekers descended upon him as soon as it was certain that he had won the job, and have been descending ever since. The fact that all the jobs at Mr. Ritchie's disposal now are filled by Democrats, many of whom favored him for the nomination and supported him vigorously, does not mean that other Democrats are "backward in coming forward" for them. Not at all. The fact that Democrats now hold the jobs simply complicates and intensifies the problem of patronage.

It may be interesting to know the main places Governor Ritchie will have to fill. The incumbents of minor places may be protected under the merit system law, to be passed at the coming session of the Legislature. The first of the important places the new Governor will fill will be Secretary of State. The job is not worth as much now as it used to be. Cutting out the fees, which was done under a ruling of Mr. Ritchie, as Attorney General, supported by the courts, reduces the emoluments from around $7,000 to $2,000, plus $500 allowed the official for acting as secretary of the Board of Public Works. But as the office is one of dignity, there are many who would like to have it.

Among other places are Governor's secretary, $2,400; chairman of the State Roads Commission, $2,500, and two associate commissioners, $2,000 each; a member of the State Tax Commission, at $5,000, to be appointed next year for six years; another member (Republican,) to be appointed in 1922; three members of the Commission, at $3,000 each, for four years, at $3,000; a member of the Public Service Commission, to be appointed next year for six years, at $5,000 salary, and another member of the commission to be appointed in 1922, at $5,000, unless designated as chairman, in which case he will be paid $6,000, the term expiring in 1922 being held by Chairman Reifsnider.

There also is the automobile chairmanship, running for four years, at a salary of $3,000; a member of the State Board of Prison Control, at $3,000 a year, to be appointed next year, and another at the same salary to be appointed in 1922, both terms running six years; a member of the State Accident Commission, at $5,000, to be appointed next year for six years, and another at the same salary and for the same time to be appointed in 1922, both of whom may be Democrats; the minority term not expiring until 1924, and the chairman of the State Board of Labor and Stastistics, at $2,500, and two associate members at $500 each, for four years.

The three members of the Board of Motion Picture Censors, one Republican and two Democrats, will be appointed by Governor Ritchie, one next year, one in 1921 and one in 1922. Each is paid $2,400. The State Libarian, which office usually goes to a woman, pays $1,500 and fees, eqiuvalent to about $3,000. The job is for four years. The Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, appointed for four years, gets $1,300. The Weigher of Tomatoes, appointed for two years, gets $1,000. The three members of the Police Board, two Democrats and one republican, appointed next year for two years, get $2,500 each, and the three members of the Board of Police Examiners, two Democrats and one Republican, appointed next year for two years, get $1,200.

The judge of the Juvenile Court, appointed for two years, gets $3,000 and the assistant judge appointed for the same time $1,000; a member of the advisory board of parole, $1,500, will be appointed next year for six years, and another will be appointed in 1922 for the same period, and Election Supervisors will be appointed for the city and each of the counties for two years, one Republican and two Democrats, Justices of the Peace and other officers.

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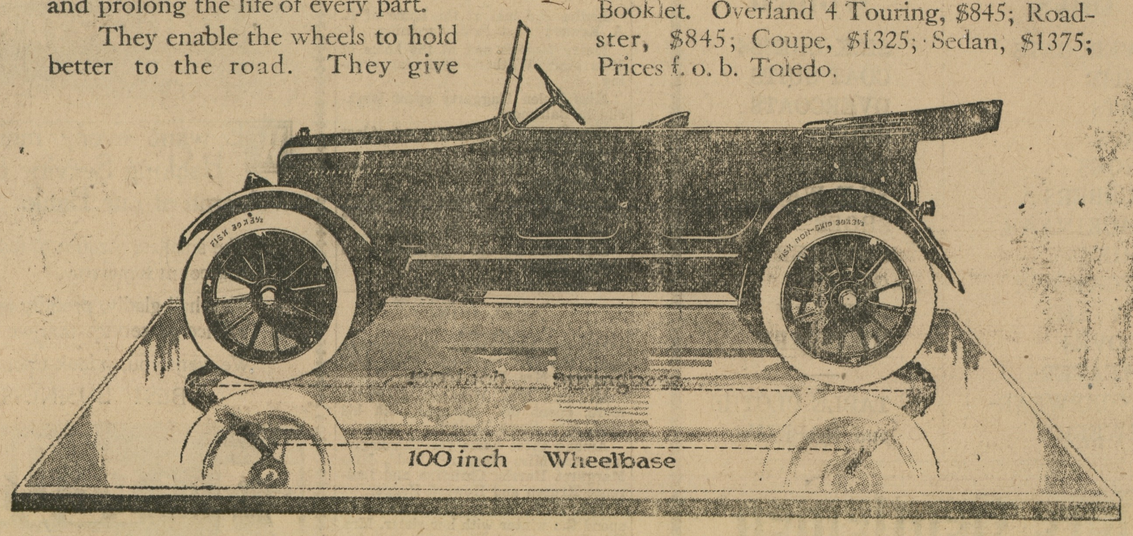

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