



George L. Bowman, long a leader in civic and educational affairs of Oklahoma, is the new president of the board of regents of the university. His election to that office followed ten years service on the board, as well as long service on the board of trustees of Kingfisher college, latterly, as chairman of the Kingfisher board. The forward progress of the university is to be continued under Mr Bowman's presidency of the board

Regent President Bowman

George L. Bowman of Kingfisher, for ten years a member of the board of regents of the university, was elected president of the board at the annual organization meeting held in Norman Monday night, February 16. Mr Bowman succeeds Frank Buttram, '10 arts-sc., M. A. '12, of Oklahoma City, who was not a candidate for re-election.

While Mr Bowman began his service on the board in 1919, he resigned from it in 1927. In 1929, however, Governor Holloway gave him a recess appointment and in January of this year, Governor Murray submitted his name to the senate for confirmation. At the same time, the governor named Claude Hatchett of Durant, an attorney, to membership on the board, to succeed Breck Moss of Oklahoma City.

These constitute the only changes made on the board. Mr Buttram remains a member. John Carlock of Ardmore was elected vice-president of the board, succeeding John Rogers, '14 law, of Tulsa, whose term as regent expires this year.

No radical changes in university organization seem to be contemplated by the board. Regent President Bowman stated to newspapers that no such action was contemplated, nor would it be made unless by action of the entire board.

Regent Vice-President Carlock, in a statement to the *Tulsa Tribune*, stated the same view. He especially praised the work President Bizzell has done in

the university in reorganizing academic work. Standards are being raised rapidly, Mr Carlock stated, and in two more years it will be impossible for any student to remain in the university who does not work hard. Sometimes as many as 500 students are failed during the scholastic year, he said. The university has never been in better condition than it is now.

The new president of the board of regents is one of Oklahoma's best known citizens. The story of his life finds many parallels to the story of the progress of Oklahoma. A native Virginian, he was educated at Drake university law school. He was attracted to Oklahoma at the close of the last century by the romantic appeal the then Territory of Oklahoma held in the nation. Kingfisher was the greatest primary wheat market in the world. Kingfisher itself had waged a hard but unsuccessful fight to be made the capital of the territory. Kingfisher's fight had been pushed by some of the greatest names in Oklahoma territorial history—Governor Seay, United States Marshal Grimes, Pat Nagle, Matthew J. Kane and others. Kingfisher was alive and dominant.

Descendant of a family ante-dating the American revolution, Mr Bowman has spirit: he "hashed" and fired furnaces to obtain his early education. He was willing to work. He demonstrated that when he came to Kingfisher. During

his first summer there, in 1899, he and Colonel John Alley, now head of the school of citizenship and public affairs of the university, occupied free rooms supplied in the Congregational church parsonage of Kingfisher. The friendship begun then has continued ever since. Colonel Alley finished his work in Kingfisher college, a school which Mr Bowman aided in every way, as a citizen of Kingfisher and as a trustee of the school.

Life in Oklahoma Territory was an adventure. Mr Bowman abandoned law for the moment for the then more attractive field of journalism. With financial help, Mr Bowman contemplated purchasing the *Kingfisher Times*, which previously, had offered him work as a cub reporter. But panic conditions still prevailed from 1897 and the young would-be publisher had to resume his law practice. To this he has adhered ever since.

Oklahoma recognized the sterling worth of the young lawyer. He was elected to county office. Later, he became state Democratic central committeeman; later, chairman of the committee; then Democratic national committeeman. He was one of the mainstays of that great Oklahoma educational venture, Kingfisher college, that maintained Yale standards in new Oklahoma. He was a member of the board of trustees and later chairman. In 1919, he was named a regent of the university.

He has held other offices of respon-

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Noted engineers-- H. S. Oderman

Among the Sooner engineers who have entered business few have achieved the big executive position that has marked the career of H. S. Oderman, '16 eng., M. S. '26, president of the Detroit City Service Co. and vice president of the Southwest Utility Ice Co.

Mr Oderman has had varied experiences in industry. He is a director and officer in nine different ice companies, including the Zero Ice & Cold Storage company of Norman, of which he is the president.

While in school, Mr Oderman participated in the various engineering activities. He was a member of Sigma Tau, of Phi Alpha and Sigma Chi fraternities.

During the war, he served as a captain in the construction division of the United States army. On being discharged from the service, he was for several years identified with the meat packing industry in Kansas City and Chicago.

Much of Mr Oderman's engineering work has had to do with remodelling old ice plants and building new plants in the southwest. Although an officer in various ice companies, Mr Oderman's time is occupied principally as president of the Detroit City Service Co., which manufactures annually about 300,000 tons of ice and sells about 80,000 tons of coal a year.

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REGENT PRESIDENT BOWMAN

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sibility in various organizations. Eight years ago there was a strong demand among Democrats that he become a candidate for governor, but he refused.

His long-time friend Colonel Alley, in

an article in the current number of *The University of Oklahoma Magazine*, says of Mr Bowman:

Today George Bowman is graying at the temples, but his smooth, clean cut features show no wrinkles. The pride he displayed in his youth, as to his dress and personal appearance has in no way abated. He always looks as though he had just stepped out of a band box. Probably the consciousness of his blue-blooded Virginia ancestry has something to do with this.

His manner is likewise that of a Virginia gentleman. Courteous, suave, meticulous in speech, Bowman never appears to lose his perfect poise. Though tenacious in his opinions, he is deliberate in arriving at them.

His friends sometimes accuse Bowman of being too courteous, too diplomatic, too deliberate in his judgments. Some of them insist that if he would smash through, tramp on people's toes and cuss a little more, he would get farther in the world.

To us in the university, these latter qualities do not carry much of an appeal. The character and methods of George Bowman inspire confidence and assurance. He is no novice at the game, knows his Oklahoma and his onions, and will not be rushed off his feet. He also knows that a great university is the most delicate piece of mechanism yet devised in modern civilization.

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A GALA TIME FOR ENGINEERS

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Eight thirty o'clock marks the arrival of one of the main events of the celebration—the eighteenth annual engineers dance. The music was to last until 11:30 and the date whistle to blow at 12:30 at which time all the girls must be in that are going in. The Union ballroom was to be enhanced with special lighting effects and the Ramblers were to play the soft, slow music. The programs were

to be miniature replicas of "Old Trusty," the engineer's cannon, and will be passed out during the grand march led by St. Pat and Queen Antoinette. As an innovation, confetti and serpentine were to be distributed in abundance to add to the merry-making.

At the stroke of midnight the voice of "Old Trusty" was to be heard heralding the fireworks display to be given on the ground surrounding the engineering building. The program was to be announced from the electric sign and to include many articles that go off with a bang.

The engineers banquet, as the final event of the eighteenth annual open house celebration, was to be held at 6:30 p. m., Saturday, March 14 at the banquet room of the First Christian church. Erle K. Ramsey, consulting engineer, of Oklahoma City was to make the principal address of the evening, his subject being "The Civic Responsibilities of the Engineer." J. F. Owens, vice-president and general manager of the Oklahoma Gas & Electric, who, when fixed with a clay pipe in his mouth looks like a true son of Old Erin, was to act as toastmaster. The feature of the evening was to be the dubbing of the Knights of St. Patrick by Queen Antoinette, which is an honor bestowed upon each graduating engineer who is a member in good standing of the Engineers club. Only senior engineers and alumni were to be allowed to take dates to the banquet and this is a tradition that is rigidly enforced.

So another celebration will pass into history, a saddening event for those who will soon have only memories of the moving letters of the engineers sign flashing the magic message of "Erin go Bragh."