His a triple job

Few men working for the state have as full a program as J. William Cordell, ex '16, who is secretary of the Oklahoma senate, secretary of the state election board and reading clerk of the senate. Elected the senate secretary, he continued with his duties as reading clerk without extra pay.

Mr Cordell, who had been reading clerk of the Oklahoma senate for many years, was, on January 29, elected secretary of that group and secretary of the state election board. It was a deserved promotion for a Sooner who had worked for years for the state.

Mr Cordell is a native Oklahoman, his birthplace being Chandler and the date September 11, 1895. Following completion of his high school course at Chandler, he enrolled in the university in 1913. He was a student in journalism and government and from 1914 to 1916 was editorial writer for The Oklahoma Daily. In 1914 he was elected president of the university chapter of the Oklahoma League of Young Democrats.

He was one of the organizers of the Delta Theta fraternity, which successfully petitioned Phi Delta Theta, of which he is now a member, having been initiated while on furlough from the army in May, 1918. He was also a member of Sigma Delta Chi fraternity.

Most of his life has been spent in Oklahoma, with the exception of army service and a jaunt after fortune in the Florida boom. In 1915, Mr Cordell was one of nine applicants for the post of reading clerk for the state senate. He got the job, his training as a university orator standing him in good stead. He has served as reading clerk every session of the legislature since, with the exception of the Walton impeachment session of 1923-24, when he was adjutant of the American Legion and the regular session of 1927, when he was in Florida.

Even when he was elected to the secretarship of the senate, he retained his job as reading clerk, having in reality three posts with but one salary.

In 1917 he was manager of the T. D. Turner Co., wholesale fruits and vegetables, of Guthrie. When the war came, he enlisted and served sixteen months. Following his war service, he became the manager of the Turner company at Altus until 1921. He became assistant secretary of the state election board that year, serving until October, 1923. In the latter month he was made state adjutant of the American Legion and managing editor of the Oklahoma Legionnaire.

The Florida boom called him. He went to Jacksonville, where he was owner and publisher of the Jacksonville Today, from 1925 to 1928. He returned to Oklahoma and became assistant secretary of the state election board again.

The workings of politics have always attracted Mr Cordell. His major in the university was government and his minor journalism. His father, S. A. Cordell, was state senator from the Chandler district in the first session of the legislature in 1907. He was a page in the first senate, and it was quite a job. As Joe O'Brien describes it in Harlow's Weekly: "His duties were different from those of pages today. The senate became involved in a printing controversy and decided to multigraph its bills and journals instead of having them printed. Instead of 'hopping' calls from senators, 'Bill' was assigned to the multigraphing department, and cranked out the printed matter on one of the early multigraphing inventions."

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The preceding day the trio entertained the national convention of the National Electric Light Association at Atlantic City.

Lou-scha-enya has twice entertained Governor and Mrs Murray with her singing. They attended a concert which she gave for her parents in Ardmore during December and she sang at the Oklahoma picnic given Governor Murray during his recent trip to California.

Her unusual beauty inspired Mrs Kathryn W. Leighton, known as the "Van Dyke of the Indians" to paint three life size portraits of her. Two of these pictures were purchased by the Vose galleries of Boston and one of them named "Miss America." Mr Vose, who has collected the pictures of famous beauties for years, told the artist that Lou-scha-enya was one of the most beautiful women he had ever seen.

Such praise is taken casually by Lou-scha-enya for she says that her voice and whatever personal charm she may have are the gifts of nature but she takes just pride in the career which she is creating for herself and confesses that "anything which she has personally achieved she is truly proud of."