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## NEW EIGHT-HOUR LAW IS ENIGMA

Oregon Journal: State officials are considerably concerned over the interpretation that will be put on the eight-hour law passed by initiative vote at last election. If it should apply to all state employees it would increase the cost of maintaining state institutions and state departments many hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly.

But Governor West, State Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State Olcott are unanimous in declaring that it does not apply to state, county or municipal employees. They declare that it applies only to contract work. Mr. Kay put the new law up to Attorney General Crawford today for interpretation, and the attorney general will give a written opinion early next week.

In discussing the matter the attorney general said that the whole intent of the law was to apply to contract work, and the only question was whether the technical wording in paragraph four might be interpreted by the courts to apply to all state, county and municipal employees. His official opinion was that it could not be so construed.

The provision in doubt reads: "In all cases where labor is employed by the state, county, school district, municipality, municipal corporation, or sub-division, either directly or through another, as a contractor, no person shall be required or permitted to labor more than eight hours in any one day, etc."

"If the state would directly contract to have its work done this law would apply to such a case the same as it would apply to a contract let for construction of a building," declared the attorney general, "but I do not now believe that the law would apply to regular employees of the state engaged by the month."

Attendants at the asylum and guards at the penitentiary are on the same footing as members of the city fire departments, and it is this class of employees whom the attorney general says the law does not include.

## PLEA IS MADE FOR POOR CHILDREN

All persons who have the welfare of dependent children at heart will have an opportunity of assisting them this Thanksgiving by sending something, however small, to the Society who aids such children and as its name implies this refers to both sexes. The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon with its headquarters at Portland, Oregon is an institution organized more than a quarter of a century ago for the care and disposition of homeless, neglected and abused children, to receive and care for them from all parts of the State until suitable homes or employment is found for them and to continue systematic attention to their condition and treatment until they arrive at majority. This is the noble work to which the efforts of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon is bent. It receives, cares for and disposes of an average of about 400 children each year. Its income is derived from State and County aid and from voluntary subscriptions and as Thanksgiving in the harvest and the time of year when nearly all its income is derived from private sources, it is certainly hoped that all friends will come forward and do something to aid his noble work for humanity.

The public schools as well as individuals will be asked to contribute. The railroad and express companies as well as the steamboat companies throughout the State will deadhead all donations sent to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon during the Thanksgiving season if plainly marked, Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon, Portland, Oregon.

Canned fruit, or canned goods of any kind, vegetables, especially potatoes, provisions, poultry, and cash, in fact anything that can be used in ordinary household. These things will be received and thankfully accepted.

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## OFFICIALS ARGUE OVER LAKE LANDS

Oregonian: The situation at the State Capitol became acute recently when Attorney-General Crawford hurled the charge in a statement to the State Land Board that Governor West had been responsible for costing the state \$50,000 in not following the Attorney-General's advice and the Governor came back repudiating the statement of Crawford.

In his statement to the Board the Attorney-General said that the Governor had instructed his land agent to make indemnity selections of school land around lakes in Lake County in connection with a lease to a firm to develop mineral salts in the lakes and that, as a result there was used \$50,000 worth of school lands to secure the selections. He stated that he advised the Governor and the Board to ask Congress through the Oregon delegation to make a donation of these lands and if such were done it would cost the state nothing.

Governor West showed correspondence and also copies of a bill which was introduced in Congress April 2, 1912, asking for the very thing which the Attorney-General said the Governor had failed to do. The bill was introduced by Senator Chamberlain on the request of the Governor. Its passage was delayed because of an amendment which the Interior Department desired to place in the bill protecting those who had made application for lands in the sections covered by the bill.

The Governor says the bill will come before the next Congress and probably be passed.

"The Attorney-General should make investigation before he promiscuously hands out statements such as he has," said the Governor. "It may be easy enough to get a bill through Congress, but this one has been delayed in passage. The bill was introduced many months ago without the advice or help of the Attorney-General, as I drafted it myself, and now he comes in with a suggestion that was taken up so long ago its history."

The Attorney-General, in making his charges to the State Land Board relative to the Governor, after stating that he is ready to take up the cancellation suits in the Benson-Hyde cases and that he has been delayed by record being retained at Washington says in part, as follows:

"We notice by your communication and inclosures above mentioned that the matter is now wholly in the hands of the Attorney-General and beg to assure your Board that the case will be promptly prosecuted and the land recovered for the state if possible.

"We notice in the record transmitted in your communication that a member of your board, the Governor, expresses lack of confidence in the Attorney-General. While this is a matter of personal conscience on the part of his excellency, we regret very much that the faith is not stronger. Had it been, and the suggestions of the Attorney-General been heeded and acted upon, it would have saved the state school fund at least \$50,000 in one transaction.

"In the latter part of Governor Benson's administration, the Attorney-General's attention was called to some Lakes in Lake county which were claimed to contain mineral salts of different kinds, and also that some of the lands surrounding the same were permeated with such salts. The Attorney-General investigated the same as far as he was able, and when the present administration came into power handed all the correspondence over to the new officers with the suggestion that our delegation in Congress cause the lands and any interest the Federal Government might have in the beds of the lakes, to wit:

"Albert and Summer Lakes in Lake county, to be donated to the state in lieu of the six salt springs the state was entitled to under the enabling act of 1859, but which it did not secure for the reason that their existence was not at that time known and the time within which the state must select the same expired.

"Instead of following this suggestion, the Governor caused the state land agent to select tracts of land around these lakes as indemnity school lands, and made the usual application to the Federal Land Department for patent to the same, and then a lease was executed with parties who proposed exploiting these mineral salts.

"The school land base used in these selections was worth at the time over \$50,000 at the price the state was then selling this class of lands. If the lands prove to be valuable on account of the salts contained therein then, the using of the \$50,000 worth of school lands to secure the same will not be a loss to the state, but will be repaid in royalties. If the venture fails, then it is a total loss to the state, and, in any event, Congress without doubt would have donated these lands to the state in lieu of the said salt springs, as the land is worthless unless it does contain these salts.

"We hope to be pardoned for suggesting that it is not a wise public

## NEWSY NOTES OF THE NORTHWEST

There will be keen competition between dairymen exhibiting stock at the Pacific International Dairy Show to capture the two handsome silver cups, offered by the Northern Pacific and the O. W. R. & N. Co., the former for the best cow over three years old, any breed, and the latter for the best senior heifer in the show. These cups are said to be works of art and will arouse much interest.

Young men from the Oregon Agricultural College will engage in an oratorical contest at the Pacific Northwest Land Products Show, the subject to be Horticultural Production of the Pacific Northwest. A cash prize of \$100 is offered. A large number of the O. A. C. students will also compete in the apple judging contest.

Japan and China want Oregon dairy stock for their farming districts. Japanese dairymen are now negotiating with Portland breeders to secure stock here and recently a high official of the Chinese Department of Agriculture left commissions in Portland for the purchase of dairy cattle to be shipped to that country during the winter.

Rogue River apples are in demand in far-away Copenhagen. A carload has been ordered from the Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association as a result of a shipment made there last year, which was disposed of to Danish Royalty.

Now that the election is over, every section of the state is reporting business gains. The effect of the balloting was discontinued, it seems, before election day and there was never a Presidential election that had such a small effect on business as the one just passed.

Better roads will eventually result for Oregon even though all that was desired was not realized at the last election in the way of good roads measures. Some of the road bills did pass and friends of good roads work expect the beginning that has been made to result in a definite highway policy that will mean permanent improvement.

## GREAT CHANGE IN BALLOT SINCE '76

There was an election in Oregon to choose Presidential electors on November 7, 1876. The ballot was 2-5-8 inches in length by the same in width. On November 5, 1912, there was another presidential election in Oregon. The ballot was 34 inches in length by 18 inches in width. A little arithmetic will show that it would be possible to place 89 of the 1876 ballots on one of the ballots with which the voters struggled this election.

One of the 1876 ballots is in the possession of John M. Lewis, County Treasurer, of Multnomah county is herewith produced. Mr. Lewis was then 21 years of age. He cast his first vote on one of these ballots for Hayes and Wheeler, Republican candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States. The Democrats had separate ballots bearing the names of their Presidential electors. At that time state and county elections were held in June.

Richard Williams, whose name appears on the 1876 ballots as Republican candidate for Representative in Congress, beat Lafayette Lane, Democrat, an uncle of Dr. Harry Lane, whose name appeared on the last ballot as the Democratic candidate for United States Senator. In 1876 Oregon had only one Representative in the lower house of Congress.

### Federal Jobs Open

The following federal jobs in Oregon are now vacant:

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- United States marshal, \$4000.
- United States surveyor general, \$3000.
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