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HOUSE WILL BE OPPOSED TO ROAD BILL

MEASURE REPORTED FROM THE SENATE WILL BE SUBSTITUTED BY THE HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER IS OPPOSED

Eastern Oregon Grange and Farmers Union Will Introduce Substitute Bill for the Road Measure Which Was Acted on Favorably by a Committee of the Whole in the House Yesterday—Local Men Active.

Salem, Jan. 24 (Special)—Sitting as a committee of the whole yesterday afternoon, the senate adopted a favorable report on Senator Joseph's bill creating a state highway commission. The measure will probably come up on its third reading tomorrow. As approved by the senate, the bill provides for a highway commission of three members to be appointed by the governor and to serve without pay. One of the commission is to be appointed from east of the Cascades. Commissioner Still in the Bill. All roads to be constructed by the county courts under the advisory board of the highway commission, if the state bears part of the expense. The highway commissioner is to be selected by the highway commission, and is to draw a salary of \$5,000 annually.

House is Opposed.

If the bill should pass the senate on the third reading it is doubtful if the house will stand for it as it reads. The sentiment against the creation of a commissioner is strong. Another bill is being prepared by the grange and Farmers Union of Eastern Oregon as a substitute for the Joseph measure. It will provide for the construction of roads under the supervision of the state engineer who is to be assisted in the county by an engineer, probably the county surveyor.

Union county's delegation at the Salem legislature have been flooded with messages since yesterday morning urging action on the good roads bills which are before the house today and before the senate yesterday. Almost unanimous in their tone, the telegrams urge the delegations to vote for the good roads measures with amendments removing the office of state road commissioners, the jobs pulling down fat salaries and wherein in the principal opportunity for spoils might lay. Over twenty messages were sent out by local people and several of the messages were signed by more than one person so that whatever was done at Salem by the La Grande contingent in the legislature was done with more or less advice from the constituency.

Good road boosters here are extremely anxious to have better roads, but all are opposed to the provisions paving the way for fat salaries for commissioners. The house takes action on the matter today and several telegrams were sent to Representative Church and Speaker Rusk this morning.

NORMAL FOR LA GRANDE.

Turner Oliver Introduces Bill That Would Give La Grande Normal.

Relating the story of the Oliver Normal bill at Salem, the Oregonian says:

Hopes that the state normal school question had been settled finally and definitely at the last general election were shattered today when Senator Oliver introduced a bill providing for the establishment of an eastern Oregon normal school at La Grande. Under the bill an appropriation of

\$100,000 is made for the use of the proposed school. When the bill was read a gasp of surprise went around the senate chamber, followed by expressions of mirth on the part of some of the members, which would indicate that possibly the bill would not proceed far before reaching an indefinite postponement.

Many of the members hold the opinion that Oliver has "started something." They declare that the bill will offer a loophole for the introduction of further normal school bills by those representing other sections of the state and that a united stand by these forces might bring on a serious normal school fight which could possibly equal the stormy proceedings of last session. On the other hand, it is contended that the sentiment against normals is well developed and that the legislature would scarcely have the temerity to take action in fact of the vote of the people.

In detail Senator Oliver's resolution provides for not only an appropriation of \$100,000 but an appropriation of one twenty-fifth of a mill annually as well, this being the same appropriation, less the \$100,000 which the people voted for the Monmouth normal. The \$100,000 is for the construction of a main college building and various other buildings including dormitories, students' hall and training school. In addition it is provided that another Board of Normal Regents be created, to be known as the Eastern Oregon Board of Normal Regents.

Should this bill succeed in getting by the committee with a favorable report, it is certain to develop a struggle on the floor of the senate and even an unfavorable report will no doubt bring forth strong discussion from the members who are favorable to the bill. "My reason for introducing the bill is because Eastern Oregon needs and deserves a normal school," said Senator Oliver. "We have a lack of trained teachers in Eastern Oregon and there is a great demand for them. Monmouth will be unable to produce them. Last election the two schools voted on as if from Monmouth are remotely located and the cry is for a central Eastern Oregon normal school. I have traveled all over the state during the last campaign and there seemed to be a strong sentiment in that direction, but the voters protested casting their ballots in favor of schools situated so as to be hard of access."

Salem, Or., Jan. 24—Openly and emphatically charged on the floor of the house this morning with trying to dispose of his own land to the state, through the medium of a bill for enlarging the capitol grounds, Governor Oswald West was warned that he must either keep his hands off legislation or suffer the consequences.

The governor is also accused of opposing the bill creating the office of Deputy Secretary of State and of forming an alliance with State Treasurer T. B. Kay to monopolize the power residing in all state boards and to present H. H. Corey, chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State, from serving with them.

Not only has the bill for enlarging the capitol grounds been sent to committee, where an effort will be made to hold it as a club over the governor's head to force him to cease his "officials intermeddling," but as a stroke at Kay, it has been proclaimed that no bills will be allowed to pass at this session that are meant to benefit Salem unless the city shall pledge itself to provide an adequate supply of pure water.

While nothing indicating such a move showed on the surface of proceedings today, it is known that certain forces are actively at work to make an appropriation for the University of Oregon contingent on Eugene's definite promise of a pure water supply. Ninety cases of typhoid fever in recent months at Eugene are attributed to impure water.

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AUTHOR DEAD BY DECIDE ON SITE INSANE MAN'S NEXT TUESDAY BULLETS IF POSSIBLE

PHILLIPS SUCCEEDS AFTER VALIENT STRUGGLE OF SEVERAL HOURS DURATION.

ASSAILANT WAS INSANE DECISION IS COMPROMISE

Phillips Passed Away Late Last Night and Will be Buried in Indiana—Brother of Assailant Expresses Sorrow of His Family for the Shooting—Police Cannot Find Claw That Might Show Cause.

New York, Jan. 25.—The body of Phillips, the author, who died last night of wounds inflicted several days ago by an assailant who later committed suicide, were taken to the National Arts club early today. Senator Beveridge was in charge of the remains and has arranged for the funeral services to be held in the little church around the corner. No hour for the services has been set. He will be buried in Indiana.

Phillips made a brave fight but died at 11 o'clock. The body of Goldsworth, Phillips' slayer, arrived at Washington today and will be buried there by the family. People are thoroughly convinced the man was insane.

Too Many Bullets.

Shortly before his death last night Phillips whispered to his brother: "If there had only been one or two bullets in me I might win out, but with five or so it is pretty hard." He lapsed into unconsciousness and died soon afterwards. The assailant's brother who is in Washington said: "In the name of my father, my mother and myself, I wish to express the greatest sorrow over the shooting of Mr. Phillips. There is no doubt but that my brother was insane."

Heads New California Diocese.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 25.—The Rev. Louis Childs Sanford was consecrated today as first bishop of the new Episcopal diocese of the San Joaquin valley, which has been created out of a part of the district heretofore comprised in the diocese of San Francisco. The consecration service took place in St. John's church, the consecrator being Bishop William Ford Nichols of this city. A number of other well known prelates were in attendance.

Martine Is Senator.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 25.—Mr. Martine was elected United States senator to succeed Senator Keen this afternoon. Martine got 47 votes and Smith 30.

VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY BOTH HOUSES ON ROLL CALL FOR THAT PURPOSE.

DECISION IS COMPROMISE

Vital Question Will be Settled Next Tuesday According to Decision of Rules Committee Today—Fortifications of Panama not Compatible to World Peace—Roosevelt in Harmony With League.

Washington, Jan. 25.—After a sharp fight in the house rules committee today decided to report the bill in next Tuesday which is to call for a vote on the location of the Panama exposition, Congressman Kahn of California, and Chairman Rodenberg of Illinois, who are leaders in the opposing factions, became personal in their arguments. The decision is in effect a compromise as San Francisco wanted immediate action and New Orleans, the other bidder for the site, wanted Thursday of next week.

The committee on rules ordered that the matter be decided by a straight vote of the two houses, on a single roll call. Representatives will be asked to vote either for San Francisco or New Orleans.

Fortifications Discussed.

Fortifications of the Panama canal is in no way compatible with the world's peace between nations according to a statement of Andrew Carnegie today. Mr. Carnegie recently donated \$1,000,000 to formulate and perfect peace. No one can dispute our right to fortify the canal," he said.

Roosevelt Approves League.

In a signed article in the Outlook today, Col. Roosevelt approves of the platform of the National Progressive League, just organized with Bourne at its head. He discussed the recall of drastic laws to prevent corruption by money in politics.

Congratulation for Ex-Senator.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 25.—Former United States Senator Thomas W. Palmer, Michigan's "grand old man" received a flood of congratulations today on the occasion of his eighty-first birthday anniversary. Among those to send felicitous messages was Michigan Equal Suffrage association, reminding the ex-senator of the eloquent speech he made in favor of their cause when he was a member of the senate many years ago. Mr. Palmer is in good health for a man of his years, though he still feels some ill effects from the accident with which he met last summer while riding in his automobile.

PLAGUE DRIVES ORIENT INTO ACUTE STAGES OF ALARM AND WHITES FLEE FROM CITIES

Pekin, Jan. 25.—Hundreds of refugees left Peking today and more are following on account of the arrival of the plague. Several are dead and it is believed more are dying today, but Chinese are hiding the bodies. Diplomats, professors and army officers are among the refugees. The populace is frightened.

Amoy, China, Jan. 25.—Shipping of all sorts is at a standstill here during the quarantine for plague.

Tokio, Jan. 25.—The Mikado has ordered physicians and officials in Manchuria to take charge of the plague situation.

JURY GETS CASE TODAY

Arguments Concluded in Schenk Case This Afternoon—Goes to Jury.

Wheeling, Jan. 25.—Characterizing Daniel Phillips as a human worm, and that the man was too small to admit he broke the law, Attorney Royce Mrs. Schenk's counsel, resumed the argument today. He arraigned Phillips and said: "He is a man whom Schenk had a right to kill. Not only did he betray her husband but he also betrayed the woman who lavished her gifts on him. At the trial Phillips testified he accompanied the woman on automobile trips."

The case will probably go to the jury today or tonight.

The prosecutor in closing his argument said: "You jurors are asked to show mercy for a woman on account of her children; yet she covered them with robes in an automobile and left them while she submitted to the attentions of another man."

FIFTEEN MINERS KILLED

Powder explosion in Colliery Responsible for Death List.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 25.—Fifteen miners were burned today by a powder explosion in the colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Pittston. A spark from a motor caused the explosion. The men were near the car enroute with powder kegs.

Advertisers Meet in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 25.—The annual convention of the Association of American Advertisers, the first meeting of the organization ever held outside of New York, began in Chicago today and will continue over tomorrow. Bert M. Moses of New York is president of the association and T. E. Crossman, also of New York, is secretary. An interesting feature of the convention will be the discussion of the relative value of various newspapers and magazines as advertising mediums.

Gold Lace to Giltier.

New York, Jan. 25.—The imagination falters when it attempts to foretell the grandeur and magnificence of gold lace and bubbling spirits which will be seen at the annual Old Guard ball in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night. Ten thousand guests are expected. Governor Dix and his military staff will be on hand, together with distinguished delegations representing the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company of Boston, the Philadelphia City Troop, the Governor's Foot Guard of New Haven, the Providence Light Infantry, the Richmond Blues, the Albany Burgess Corps and famous military organizations of several other cities.

New York Fruit Growers.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The Western New York Horticultural Society, one of the largest and most influential organizations of fruit growers in the country, began its forty-sixth annual convention in this city today with a large attendance. The sessions will continue over tomorrow.

New York State League Meeting.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The club owners of the New York State Baseball League went into annual session at the Ten Eyck hotel this afternoon to discuss the schedule and other arrangements for the coming season. President John H. Farrell called the meeting to order.

Atlantic Whist Congress.

New York, Jan. 25.—Tournament play at the thirteenth annual congress of the Atlantic Whist Association began today at the rooms of the Knickerbocker Whist Club in the Hotel Victoria. The league is composed of clubs in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, New York and a number of other cities.

Deadlock Continues.

Albany, Jan. 25.—The deadlock between Sheehan and Sheppard for United States senator from New York continued today when the seventh ballot of the day showed the same conditions on the floor.

LEWIS DEFEATED AS PRESIDENT OF MINERS

JOHN WHITE ELECTED TO FILL POSITION HELD BY LEWIS FOR LONG TIME.

GOES BACK TO THE MINES

Foes of President of the United Mine Workers Secure Downfall of Lewis—In Keeping With His Promise, Lewis Will Return to the Mines and Assume the Role of a Laborer Now That He Is Out of a Job.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, was today elected president of the United Mine workers of America, winning over President Lewis, who for three years headed the organization. The vote was: White 98,934; Lewis 72,190; Frank Hayes of Springfield, Ill., vice president and Edwin Perry was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Lewis announced previously he would return to work as a miner if beaten.

Fight Was Strenuous One.

Never in the history of the mine workers has there been so vigorous a fight as today's between White and Lewis. There has been great opposition to certain policies Lewis fathered and his foes did everything to send him "back to the mines." Until a week ago it looked like Lewis would win, but his chances grew slimmer hour by hour until the vote was taken today.

LAFOLLETTE RE-ELECTED

Cheering Marks His Re-Election by the Legislature at Madison, Wis.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 25.—With much cheering showing plainly his triumph over the Stalwarts in Wisconsin, Robert M. LaFollette was today re-elected to the United States senate. His opposition was negligible. It is freely predicted here that his success makes him the father of the republican presidential nomination in 1912. He was elected by popular vote last fall, but the senate and assembly must ratify.

Arkansas M. E. Conference.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 25.—The thirty-ninth annual session of the Arkansas conference of the Methodist Episcopal church convened in Fort Smith today, to continue over Sunday. There is a large attendance of clergy and laymen and among the visitors are several church leaders of prominence from outside the state. Bishop Quayle of Oklahoma City is presiding over the sessions.

Famous Actor Remembered.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 25.—The fact that today was the centennial anniversary of the birth of James E. Murdoch was recalled by the inmates of the Forrest Home for Aged Actors, some of whom were personal friends and professional associates of the great actor. Mr. Murdoch, who was one of the last of the celebrated actors of the old school, of which Forrest, Macready and the elder Booth were the chief exponents, was born in Philadelphia, Jan. 25, 1811, and much of his professional career was closely identified with this city. It was on the stage of the old Arch Street Theatre, in 1839, that he made his first appearance behind the footlights, and later he became manager of the Chestnut Street Theatre. After making numerous successful tours of the United States and Canada, and also appearing in England, Mr. Murdoch retired from the stage and spent his declining years on a farm near Cincinnati, where he died in 1893, aged eighty-three.