

SENATE RUSHES WORK, PASSING ITS FIRST BILL

EASTERN OREGON GRAIN DEALERS SEE PET MEASURE PASS SENATE.

LIST OF BILLS BIG ONE

Teachers of Oregon Schools Theme of One Bill Presented in House—Check Cashing and Other Subjects Themes of Various Measures—Will Adjourn Late Today Until Monday.

Salem, Jan. 17.—Closely following the house's rapid gait, the senate broke its record for passage of bills after the opening session, when it today passed a bill providing that where there are no special contracts entered into, the weight of grain sacks shall not be deducted by the purchasers of grain and other products. This bill was urged with grain dealers of Eastern Oregon and was passed without opposition.

CHECK CASHING OPPOSED

State Bill Would Make It Felony for Saloons to Cash Checks.

Salem, Jan. 17.—Representative Jay H. Upton of Portland has introduced a house bill making it a felony for saloons to cash checks. It is pointed out this would stop much bad check business and have other moral effects.

Teachers Figure Too.

A bill has been introduced in the senate to make the position of school teachers permanent after a service of two years so that thereafter they may be removed for cause only, and be given an opportunity for a hearing.

Women Break Precedent

For the first time in the history of this state, women have been honored with suspension of rules in their favor that permit them to sit within the bar of the senate while it is in session. The women were Mrs. W. M. Plimpton and Miss Alene Thompson of Salem.

Two Vetoes Sustained.

The senate this noon sustained two veto measures but passed a bill over West's veto which provides the live stock sanitary board shall be given \$50,000 for the eradication of contagious diseases, and combines the offices of state veterinary and sheep inspector.

Many measures were introduced in the house but none were of great importance. The legislature adjourned late today until Monday.

Mrs. Britton's Aid Killed.

St. Louis, Jan. 17.—Richard Davis, secretary to Mrs. Britton, owner of the St. Louis National Baseball League, and William Walters were killed when their automobile ran into a water pug. Members of the fire department were called to recover the bodies from the small lake that was formed through the breaking of the water plug.

MANY LOST AT SEA.

New Orleans, Jan. 17.—Lloyd's insurance company has been notified that all hope for the safety of the Southern Pacific steamer Eldorado has been abandoned, and that the vessel has undoubtedly sunk. The vessel carried 41 passengers and was bound for Galveston from New York.

Council Says Games Many

FIRE AND POLICE COMMITTEE PRODS POLICE.

STREET LAWS WEAK

Recommendation to Council Advises Strict Enforcement.

War against people who fall to turn vehicles at intersections and war on gamblers, pictured as "Tin horns and outcasts from society" has been ordered by the fire and police committee of the council. At the midweek session a day or two ago, the following recommendation was presented to the council:

"We, your committee on fire and police, recommend that the police department of the city be directed to see that the ordinance requiring vehicles of all kinds in turning in the street of the city, to turn only at intersections of the streets, is more strictly obeyed, as it is apparent to the most casual observer that this ordinance is being flagrantly violated every day.

"Tin Horns" Too Numerous.

"We do further recommend that the ordinance against gaming and gambling be more strictly enforced. It has come to the notice not only of your committee but of every other observant person that our city is at this time overrun and infested with tin horn gamblers and other outcasts of society. From which we are of the opinion that it is high time our police department made some attempt to enforce the anti-gambling ordinances of this city. We are satisfied that the present force is sufficient to enforce this ordinance if any attempt shall be made to enforce it, as in a city the size of La Grande, professional gamblers are easily spotted and cannot be in our city more than a few hours before they are known or ought to be known to every member of the police department. If they cannot be arrested and convicted of gambling, then they can be arrested and convicted as vagrants. We recommend that the members of the police force be held to a strict accountability for enforcement of the anti-gambling ordinance. Respectfully submitted." (Signed) J. F. Campbell, chairman; F. D. Halsten and Louis Wright, members, of the fire and police committee.

STATE-BUILT ROAD SOUGHT

CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS THINK IT BEST PLAN.

All Companies and Any Individual Should Use Tracks.

Sacramento, Jan. 17.—Thoroughly convinced that the people of California are paying railroad rates based upon watered stock, and that the railroad commission, much as it desires to relieve the situation, is powerless to effect the desired reforms, Senator Caminetti is preparing to fight a finish fight to secure the needed reform. He will introduce a bill to amend the constitution, providing for the building of a state-built railroad which shall be open to companies and individuals for the operation of trains. In addition he intends to submit a memorial to congress for the building of a transcontinental public railway, open to all companies and individuals.

POINCARE IS PRESIDENT OF FRENCH NATION

STUBBORN CONTEST FOR NEXT PRESIDENT COMES TO END THIS AFTERNOON.

SOCIALIST FUSION AIDS

Pams, Nearest Competitor, Is Defeated on Second Ballot—First Vote Taken at Versailles Is Short Considerable, but Fusion, Effected Before Next Ballot, Brings Results.

Paris, Jan. 17.—Premier Raymond Poincare of France was elected president of the French republic at Versailles this afternoon in one of the most stubbornly contested elections in the history of the country. It came on the second ballot as the result of Socialists fusing with Republican members of the national assembly, throwing their support to Poincare instead of to Jules Pams, minister of agriculture. Pams was the nearest competitor to the premier but the early vote gave Poincare a substantial lead.

No sooner had the wild excitement abated than Poincare issued a challenge to former Premier Clemenceau as the consequence of a quarrel in which Poincare deemed himself insulted.

There was no choice on the first ballot. The members of the senate and chamber of deputies began voting early. Poincare, on the first ballot, received 389 votes and Pams 154. Four hundred and thirty-seven were necessary to elect.

LOUNSBERRY CONVICTED.

Medford Train Robber Found Guilty in Kanass Courts.

Kansas City, Jan. 17.—Wells Lounsberry of Medford, Oregon, has been convicted in the federal court on two counts, one of robbing the United States mails and the other of jeopardizing the lives of the passengers.

Lounsberry's plea was insanity. The prisoner insisted that he knew nothing of coming east and knew nothing of the robbery until he was charged with the crime. He was not in need of money as he lived in the best hotels. His wife remained with him throughout the trial. The children are ignorant of the fate of their father. He will not be sentenced today.

Lounsberry comes of a good family. His father was a Dakota pioneer and prominent in politics. Lounsberry was a mail clerk before he came west and engaged in the orchard business. At the time of his capture he was supposed to be in the east. Following the identification, he confessed to the robbery of a mail car at Redding, California.

NO "RAGS" NEAR WILSON

If Inaugural Ball Is Held, No Indecent Dances Allowed.

Washington, Jan. 17.—In case the inaugural ball is held, in spite of President Wilson's objections, the "turkey trot," "grizzly bear" and other "rags" will be barred. Vice Chairman Hamilton of the inaugural committee accepted the provisions to this effect, proposed by Representative Roddenberry of Georgia.

The congressman who proposed the limitations included a permit for the use of the pension office building for the ball which Hamilton accepted.

THE OBSERVER AND POLITICS.

This Paper Will Publish "Party Politics" Page Once a Week.

The time was when a newspaper was a political organ. That day has passed. A newspaper that is a political organ nowadays has a collar on and never can be thoroughly independent.

At one time in the writer's life it seemed almost criminal to be anything politically but a Republican, but we have changed our mind. The last national convention opened our eyes to the true condition of affairs regarding party politics in general.

As every reader knows, The Observer is now a political outlaw, without a party home—and with no desire to have one. The progressive that goes after the wrongs and attempts to correct them in an honest manner will have our support, but we have given up hope of any one political party doing this. Wrongs will be corrected by men, not political parties.

We realize that everyone does not believe as we do—that there are thousands of splendid citizens who are Republicans, thousands who are Democrats, thousands who are Bull Moosers and thousands who are Socialists.

A newspaper is a public utility—it should be, at least. To this end The Observer is going to adopt the plan of

Publishing Party Politics Once Each Week

Just as soon as we can arrange for the extra work in the composing room this paper will devote a page once each week in both daily and weekly to party politics. A column will be offered to the Democratic central committee, one to the Republican central committee, one to the Progressive central committee and one to the Socialist central committee, and each committee may use that column for its political opinions and messages to the people.

Editorially this paper will remain independent, supporting whatever measures and whichever candidate, regardless of party, that seems best for the general public, and the welfare of the community.

We expect to communicate with the committees of the different political parties very soon and ask them to appoint some one to edit their space so that every word uttered in the party column will come from the committee or have its approval.

This new departure from the old fashioned way of conducting a newspaper is, so far as we know, original, and it will take some little time to work it out, but it is bound to come and every reader of The Observer can rest in the full knowledge that he is going to be served by a paper that is willing to give all sides of the political questions, each side having articles written by men of that particular faith.

HELPLESS GIRL STRIKERS SAFE

COLLEGE GIRLS COME TO PROTECTION.

War on White Slavers Waged by Wealthy Girls of Barnard.

New York, Jan. 17.—Twelve pretty Barnard college girls, led by Miss Fred Kirchwey, daughter of Dean Kirchwey and author of lawbooks, of Columbia university have volunteered their services to guard 75,000 girls among the 200,000 garment workers on strike against white slave "cadets." The offer has been accepted. All of the young ladies are members of the wealthiest families in the east, and have been assigned to duty in the principal shops, where they will also do picket duty.

Angered by the "missionary" spirit of the white slavers, the women strike leaders urged Mayor Gaynor to award the ladies in as special police. The mayor refused to accede to the requests of the strikers.

EVELYN THAW NOW PENNILESS

ADmits SHE CAN'T PAY FOR BOUGHTEN JEWELS.

Expense of a Second Trial by Jewellers Can't Be Borne.

New York, Jan. 17.—Through her attorney, Evelyn Thaw, the wife of Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, admitted that she was penniless and unable to stand the expense of the second trial brought by Gorham & company to recover \$2,000 worth of jewels. They allege the jewels were bought when the second trial was in progress and that no settlement has been made for them.

SENATE RECOMMENDS BUILDINGS

Washington Cities May Get Federal Aidings Soon.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The senate committee recommended the following buildings: Ellensburg \$85,000; Aberdeen \$120,000.

DISEASE HUNGER IN WAKE OF HIGH WATER

AUTHORITIES CENTER EFFORTS TO WARD OFF EPIDEMIC IN FLOODED ZONE.

SKIFFS DOT THE HIGHWAYS

Mails Delivered to Marooned Residents in Second Stories of Flooded Homes—Danger of Pestilence Great Hungry Ones Slowly Fed—No Fatalities Reported up to Date.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 17.—Forecaster Brandt declared today there would be no relief from the flood situation until Sunday. Disease is prevalent in the flooded district and the authorities are working hard to ward off an epidemic. Owing to the cold weather the number of pneumonia cases is increasing. Ninety houses in the Oakdale suburb are submerged and there is untold suffering. So far no fatalities have occurred.

Mail Delivery by Boat.

The Oakdale cemetery is surrounded by water and no funerals can be had. In a score of the smaller towns affected by the high water the postmen are delivering the mails in small skiffs to the second story windows. The marooned families of Calhoun, Kentucky, have been supplied with the necessary provisions. The situation is grave.

Olympians Plan Trip.

Olympia, Jan. 17.—Plans for a tour of all the state institutions by the entire legislature at a cost of \$8,500 are being discussed by members of the legislature. They think the cost of the trip may be saved many times over by a better knowledge of the conditions as they exist at the institutions.

Road bills providing for an expenditure of \$20,000,000 was introduced by Foster. Another bill was introduced for the election of senators according to the Oregon system. Another measure of merit was the bill providing for a state reformatory for women.

National Highway Proposed.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Congressman Boreland has introduced in the house a bill which proposes the construction of a coast to coast highway costing \$20,000,000. It provides for six members to supervise the construction of the road, and shall be known as the National Old Trails road. It is to start at Washington and go west via Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

FOLEY TO REFEREE.

Warner-McFarland Bout Tonight to Be Feast for the Fans.

Ralph Grant, the Spokane grappler, will not be in the city tonight as third man in the match between McFarland of Turner, Wn., and Ed. Warner, the Y. M. C. A. physical instructor, at the Steward tonight. P. A. Foley of this city, will assume that responsibility.

The match is set for 8:15 this evening and as the dates were changed from Saturday night to Friday night to give clerks and business men an opportunity to be present, it is believed the match will draw a good crowd.