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CONGRESS TO HAVE BUSY SESSION.

To be a congressman these days is to wrestle with many intricate and difficult questions of national policy. Consider just a few of the bills that will come up for consideration at this session.

Railroad legislation, including efforts to tinker with the Adamson bill. Water power bills and the use of water power on streams in the national domain.

Bills dealing with the leasing of the national domain.

The Immigration bill. Bills permitting combinations for the purpose of reaching out after foreign trade.

Several of these bills affect the west which will not always remain patient under the present policy of so-called conservation which is nothing more nor less than the locking up of western resources, the bottling up of streams and forests. The development of the west needs some rational system whereby water power of the nation may be utilized. The west does not favor turning these great natural resources over to power monopolies, but there is need that this water power now running to waste be made available for pulling trains over the mountains, lifting water for irrigation, developing power for manufacturing and running light and power lines to cities and farms.

The United States will not grow richer until unused and wasted resources are made of benefit to its people.

THANKSGIVING AND THE FARMER.

The Oregon farmer surely has cause to be thankful.

Not only has he good prices for all his produce but he has both the state and nation devising systems to help him in his business.

The nation has passed a farm loan act, whereby by organizing a loan association with his neighbors, he can secure mortgage loans at about 5 per cent. This system will be in full operation in about six months.

And now comes the state of Oregon which passed a rural credits act by which the state of Oregon can borrow \$18,000,000 at 4 to 4 1-2 per cent and re-lend it to the farmer at an increase of about one per cent.

With such interest taken in his welfare, the farmer can commence to think that he is a real, vital part of the body politic and can commence to consider whether he is in need of borrowing any of the State's or Federal Farm Loan Board's money. It should be said in passing that no farmer should borrow unless he has to and then only as a business proposition—to refund an old debt at a lower rate of interest or to employ the money in permanent, productive improvements which will make the farmer more

money and retire the debt in a reasonable term of years.

ELKS DESERVE THANKS.

The Elks deserve a vote of thanks for undertaking the management of the Christmas tree for the children. This is only one of the many good things this live organization does. The Elks deserve congratulations, too, for the success of their '49 show.

CHEERFULNESS.

Don't you enjoy meeting cheerful people?

Isn't it inspiring to meet people who have cheery smiles?

They are the people who light up the way they travel and make life worth living.

BRYAN AND PROHIBITION

Bryan is starting out to make the United States dry. He says he will do it by first making Democracy dry. Bryan usually gets what he goes after.

LET US BE THANKFUL.

Let's be thankful that we are living in a clean, prosperous, well-managed city like La Grande.

TWO SIGNATURES NOT ILLEGAL

Attorney Hodgins Points to 1st, 2d and 3rd Choice Provisions.

La Grande, Nov. 21.—(To the Editor)—There seems to be an impression prevalent that an elector cannot sign the petition of more than one candidate for City Commissioner, thereby requiring every candidate to get a new set of petitioners. This is erroneous, and probably come from the strict inhibition against signing the petition for any measure more than once under the state law. The state law (Section 3363 Lord's Oregon Laws) expressly permits any elector to sign the petition of more than one candidate of his party for nomination, and does not prohibit him from doing so in the case of an independent candidate.

Our city charter Section 10 of Article III, requires that each candidate for commissioner shall have his petition signed by at least ten per cent of the total vote cast at the last preceding city election. Nothing in it restricts the right of the elector to sign only one petition; and section 17 of said Article provides that the laws of the state shall govern in election matters except as provided in the charter. The electors have a right to vote under the preferential system for three candidates, designating them as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices; and in the event no one has a majority of the first choice votes, then the first and second choices are added together, and in the event that then there be not a majority of all the votes cast for any candidate, then the first, second and third choices are added together, and the candidate having the highest vote is elected.

November 20, 1916.

JNO. S. HODGINS.

"NAUTICAL KNOT" BIG STORY

Operetta Which High School Will Present Has Charming Plot to it

The story of "Nautical Knot" which the high school students will present Dec. 15, is of such a character that it will hold the attention of either the reader or the listener. Briefly presented the "argument" is:

Act 1. Julia, the haughty belle of Barnstapole, is as proud as she is beautiful. All the sailor lads are hopelessly in love with her, but she scorns them all. On the eve of the departure of the "Bouncing Billow" for a year's voyage, Barnabas Lee, a wandering artist, comes to town and falls in love with Julia, who turns and fancies him. The sailor lads, driven to despair by their rival's success, plan to kidnap Barnabas, stow him aboard the "Bouncing Billow" and carry him to sea. They are successful

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ful in their scheme and the townfolk returning from seeing the ship sail, announce to Julia that Barnabas was on board her.

In the meantime, Nance—a gentle damsel—is loved by Joe Stout. Joe is as bashful as he is honest, and fearing a repulse he induces Bill Salt to propose to Nance in his name. Bill promises to perform the task, but unfortunately he meets Julia first, and, thinking her the object of Joe's affections, delivers the bashful suitor's message to her.

Julia is a great believer in the old saying, "One in hand is better far than two that in the bushes are." She tells Bill to bid his friend try his luck a year hence. Bill, delighted at his supposed success, seeks Joe and informs him of the result, only to learn of the sad mistake he has made. The whistle sounds from the ship "All Aboard," and poor Joe is obliged to sail without seeing his sweetheart Nance.

Julia tells Nance of Joe's love for her and Nance is heartbroken. The Barnstapole girls, having quarreled with the sailors, pretend indifference at their departure.

Act II takes place one year hence. The townfolk are waiting on the quay for the return of the "Bouncing Billow." The Barnstapole girls meeting a party of artists down from town for the day, take a malicious pleasure in going to welcome back the "Bouncing Billow" accompanied by the artists. The sailors who during their long absence from home had quite recovered from their love for Julia, are much chagrined to find that the Barnstapole girls are apparently quite indifferent to their return. Even Julia will not speak to them.

Bill Salt has the unpleasant duty of explaining his mistake to Julia and offering himself in Joe's place. Julia at first spurns him indignantly, but afterward accepts him. The happy return of Barnabas Lee releases Bill Salt from the noose he had cast about his own neck. Joe soon finds Nance and explains the situation to her. The artists return to town and the sailors and girls become reconciled. The scene ends with the promise of many happy weddings in the near future.

FORMER UNION PASTOR DEAD

Rev. D. C. McColem Died as Result of Auto Accident

Baker, Nov. 21.—(Special)—Word has been received here of the death in Portland of Rev. D. C. McColem, one time pastor of the Methodist church at Union for three years and at Baker two years, died as the result of fractured skull suffered in an auto accident a week before he died. He was in the hospital a short time for treatment but seemed to completely recover, when he died suddenly while eating breakfast. An autopsy showed the fractured skull was the cause of his death.

Rev. McColem was 63 years of age and served various churches in this conference for many years. He was in charge of the local church prior to Rev. C. A. Edwards. He was a very highly respected gentleman, in church circles and outside, and word of his death will be received by his Eastern Oregon friends with regret.

CARS ENOUGH FOR PRESENT

Local Mills Have Assurance of Enough For Their Present Needs

Baker, Nov. 21.—(Special)—Cars sufficient for present needs are now on the switches to the various local mills and with the railroads prophesying better conditions, the Baker lumber manufacturers are in hopes that the worst of the trouble is over. While the supply of cars is not up to normal, still it is sufficient and all mills are now running with no prospects of the necessity of an immediate shut-down.

OREGON TEAM PLAYS PENNSY.

Chosen to Represent West in New Year's Tournament

Pasadena, Cal., Nov. 21.—(Special) The University of Oregon football team was selected yesterday to play the University of Pennsylvania here on January 1st, under the auspices of the Tournament of Roses association.

NORMAL CAMPAIGN EXPENSIVE

Fourteen Thousand Spent by Committee Campaign Statement Shows

Pendleton, Nov. 21.—(Special)—The statement of expenses filed with the Secretary of State shows that the Pendleton Normal school committee made an outlay of \$14,362.56 in the campaign for the establishment of a State Normal school in Pendleton. The statement of S. A. Barnes shows expenditures of \$707.71 made in the effort of Weston citizens to defeat the measure.

Among other statements filed were those of the Republican State committee showing a total expenditure of \$14,362.56. Roy Ritner, candidate for the legislature, spent \$99.85 and R. I. Keator, for district attorney, spent \$175.95.

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