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## STATE LEGISLATURE IS NOW READY TO MAKE LAWS AT SALEM

MANY IMPORTANT MEASURES WILL COME UP FOR CONSIDERATION

SIX PER CENT LIMITATION WILL ENFORCE ECONOMY

Eight-Hour Law For Women Whereby Women Will Not Work More Than 48 Hours a Week Is Proposed—Attempt Will Be Made to Reduce Appropriation for Charities.

Salem, Jan. 8.—(United Press)—R. N. Stanfield was unanimously elected speaker and Gus C. Moser President of Senate.

Salem, Jan. 8.—(United Press)—With many important measures pending the Oregon state legislature convened here today for its first 1917 session.

The most pressing matters to be disposed of are an eight-hour day law for women, the "bone-dry" amendment and the keeping within the six per cent tax limit on amendment.

The latter will necessitate rigid economy. It is understood that an effort will be made to eliminate the appropriations which have heretofore been made for religious and charitable work.

Under the plea of economy a clause in the state constitution forbidding the making of appropriations for religious institutions' upkeep will be invoked. The point to be decided is whether this clause forbids appropriations for the support of charities.

Considerable funds for good roads will be asked, according to advance reports. A special tax may be levied for this movement, if the measure passes.

The woman's eight-hour law will not restrict women to eight hours a day if passed, but it will limit them to 48 hours a week. The idea behind this law is that women may work more than eight hours five days a week, and have Saturday half holidays.

Today's Proceedings.

Salem, Jan. 8.—(United Press)—House convened at 10:20 and the Senate at 10:30. Senator Hawley was named temporary President. John W. Cochran, Portland, was elected Senate chief clerk. Organization committees were appointed. The Senate credentials committee reported no contests.

Dr. J. E. Anderson was elected temporary House President. W. F. Drager was elected temporary Chief Clerk. The selection of the organization committee occupied only three minutes.

Associate Justice Moore swore in the new House members. All were present except Mr. Gore of Douglas, and Jackson, were detained at home on personal business.

L. E. Bean nominated Stanfield for speaker. Mrs. Thompson of Hood River and Wasco, seconded the nomination. George Brownell also seconded it.

Mr. Forbes moved the nominations be closed. The House voted unanimously in favor of Stanfield. Bean and Kubli escorted Stanfield to the chair. Justice Moore administered the oath. Gus C. Moser of Portland, was elected Senate President. Justice Moore swore in Moser and spoke briefly, expressing his appreciation.

## "HANDSOME OLIVER" IS IN THE LIMELIGHT

MYSTERIOUS PERSON WHOSE REAL NAME IS CHARLES H. WAX FIGURES IN A \$50,000 BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT—TINY RAE TANZER IS SUING FORMER DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES W. OSBORNE—QUESTION IS WHO FLIRTED WITH HER "HANDSOME OLIVER" OR OSBORNE.

BY GEORGE MARTIN.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) New York, Jan. 7.—The stage is set in federal court here today for the entrance of handsome "Oliver Osborne," self-confessed starter of a \$50,000 breach of promise suit between tiny Rae Tanzer and former District Attorney James W. Osborne.

If this debonair and charming man with the smile identified by Rae as the man who flirted with her on the 72nd street subway platform and afterward made love to her at closer range, the wealthy and reputable former official, James W. Osborne, will have proved his contention that he never saw or heard of the woman who sued him for \$50,000 for breach of promise.

## AUTOMOBILE MEN TAKE FURTHER STEPS TOWARD AUTO SHOW

Show Committee Is At Work Organizing the Dealers for the Purpose and There Is No Doubt That La Grande Will Have Automobile Show—Date Not Set.

The automobile men held an enthusiastic meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night and took further steps to facilitate the proposed automobile show.

The show committee was instructed to circulate an agreement among the dealers who desire to take part in the show and also an outline of a constitution and bylaws were adopted to serve as the basis of the proposed organization.

Another meeting will be held Friday night at which reports of committee will be in shape for definite action.

As it stands now there is no doubt that La Grande will have its first automobile show, probably in March or April.

## Germans Announce Capture of Focsani

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 8.—(United Press)—It is announced that the Germans captured Focsani, one hundred and fifty miles north of Bucharest. Thirty-nine hundred prisoners were taken. The Germans stormed a position south of Milcov.

Funeral of Mrs. Chambers. The funeral services of the late Mrs. Mary Chambers, who died in La Grande Friday, were held in Baker Sunday afternoon at the Welch chapel. Mrs. Chambers is the mother of Mrs. P. of this city.

## OFFICIAL SITS IN SEAT "RESERVED" BY OPPONENT

Sacramento, Jan. 8.—(United Press)—When Frank Eskward was eliminated as his Republican opponent for a seat in the legislature by the primary election months ago, John D. Willard, also a republican, came here and "reserved" his seat in the assembly. Today Eskward, who left the republicans after his primary defeat, ran on another ticket and was elected, sat down in Eskward's "reserved" seat.

## PORTUGAL JOINS WAR

Officers of Their Expeditionary Force Arrive At Western Front.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS. British Western Front, January 5.—(United Press)—(Delayed in transmission)—Portuguese expeditionary force officers arrived preparatory to joining the western front fighting. This marks the beginning of Portugal's actual participation in hostilities. It is understood that the Portuguese army is plentifully equipped with seventy-five millimeter guns.

## DAYTON GIRL REJECTS MARRIAGE TO MOTHER CHILDREN



MARGARET MAYER AND THE BROTHER AND SISTERS FOR WHOM SHE SACRIFICED MARRIAGE CHANCE.

"Blood ties are stronger than love ties," says Miss Margaret Mayer, 17-year-old Dayton girl, who has just rejected her engaged lover, William Nevil, 19, to mother her brother and two sisters. Leo, 14, Mamie, 10, and Frances, 8, have been under Miss Mayer's care since their mother died three years ago. "A girl owes it to her mother's memory," says Miss Mayer, "to fill the vacancy caused by her death."

## THREE KILLED SIX FATALLY HURT IN WRECK

Port Angeles, Jan. 8.—(United Press)—Conductor Clyde Gibson and two track laborers were instantly killed, twenty-two injured, six fatally, when a new fill on the Twin River Extension collapsed. The engine and tool car rolled 100 feet down an embankment. Engineer Harry Legear, despite terrible burns, walked half a mile and telephoned for help.

Immigration Bill Adopted. Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—(United Press)—The Senate adopted the conference report on the immigration bill by a vote of fifty-six to ten. It empowers Japan to regulate Japanese immigration.

## HOOSIER WOMAN BACKS LAW TAKE CORSETS OFF SISTERS

Indianapolis, Jan. 8.—(United Press)—A law to prohibit women wearing corsets will be advocated before the Indiana legislature now in session, by Mrs. Anna Hoeltke Lee of this city. Mrs. Lee declares corsets cause more damage than whiskey and have destroyed more people than drugs.

## Christian Church Holds Home Coming Day

The Christian Church held its "Home Coming Day" yesterday, with a good attendance and great enthusiasm. Great interest was taken in the report of the church work. The pastor gave an illustrated lecture at night on the "Life of Christ," using a stereopticon. The pictures were very clear and suggestive.

## Buffalo Bill is Dying in Denver

Denver, Jan. 8.—(United Press)—Doctor East announced that W. F. Cody's condition was unchanged with practically no hope of recovery. Owing to extreme weakness the proposed trip to Cody, Wyoming, Buffalo Bill's old home, was abandoned. He is dying at his sister's home.

## Neutrals Will Hold Conference in Havana

BY ROBERT J. BENDER. Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—(United Press)—The United Press learned that international lawyers will meet in Havana on January 22 to discuss an international code to protect the neutrals' liberties and that President Wilson and Lansing originally proposed the scheme. British commercial interference and German submarines are the main reason behind the movement. Leading North and South American experts are participating.

## Lumberman Seeks a Milder Climate

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 8.—(Special)—Chilled with the icy winds of Northern Minnesota, and seeking a more congenial climate, Charles Johnson, a hardy lumberman from Aitkin, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps here today, and was immediately transferred for training at Mare Island, California.

"The lumberjacks can't stand the cold this winter," said Johnson, while asserting that hundreds of men injured to the hardships of life in the woods are leaving the lumber camps, owing to the unusual severity of the weather.

Johnson requested to be sent with the Marines to Santo Domingo or the Philippines as soon as possible, as he is convinced that a long sojourn near the equator will be necessary to thoroughly thaw him out.

## PRESIDENT WILSON EXONERATES TUMULTY IN LEAK NOTE INQUIRY

### F. L. MEYERS ATTENDS STATE CONFERENCE ON GOOD ROADS QUESTION

Representatives of Various Organizations Including Grange and Farmers' Union Are At Work Trying to Revise State Road Laws So As To Get Federal Aid, Economy and Efficiency.

Fred L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National bank, has returned from attending the state conference on good roads at Portland. Mr. Meyers and Mr. J. C. Ainsworth of Portland represented the State Bankers association at the conference at which C. E. Spence represented the state Grange and O. W. Taylor the state realty association and J. D. Brown the Farmers Union and Robert Smith the Eaxpayers league.

The conference is at work trying to harmonize the state good roads laws so as to realize revenue in order to be entitled to receive the federal appropriation of over one million dollars within the next five years, and also to secure for the taxpayers the most value for their road taxes.

At the meeting the proposal was discussed to license automobiles by providing that each automobile should pay 30 cents a horsepower was discussed, and also that automobile trucks should pay in proportion to their tonnage.

The problem of equitably taxing automobiles in proportion to the wear and tear that they do to the roads is very difficult, but there was considerable sentiment that the 30 cents a horsepower proposal was about as equitable as any. Under the plan a Ford car would pay about \$6 a year.

There was some discussion of revising the road laws so as to do away with the present road supervisor system and also of substitutes to take its place.

At further conferences the final agreement will be reached, and the legislative committee will submit legislation to the present session of the legislature.

The desire is to work out a harmonious system of road laws under which efficiency and economy can be secured and steady progress made toward securing good roads. It was stated at the meeting that Oregon is in the front rank so far as road expenditures are concerned, and it is desired to increase the effectiveness of each dollar expended.

## Senator Owen Wants To Curb Federal Judges

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—(United Press)—Senator Owen offered a joint resolution providing any federal judge declaring a congressional act unconstitutional be convicted of judicial usurpation and removed by the president who should immediately appoint his successor.

## BUSINESS MEN WILL MEET TONIGHT AT Y. M. C. A.

Business men, professional men and merchants will meet tonight at the Y. M. C. A. at 3:00 o'clock to discuss plans for holding a "Pay-Up Week" in La Grande. This has been done in other cities and has been found to be a great success. The plan is in brief to make local money circulate a little

DECLARES HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY DID NOT KNOW OF IT IN ADVANCE

## SECRETARY LANSING SAYS PRESIDENT TYPED IT

Secretary Tumulty Tells of Introducing Ambassador Gerard at Brokerage Office—Thomas W. Larson Declines to Tell of Source of Leak—Admits He Profited—Says Washington Leaks Are Common.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—(United Press)—Secretary Tumulty was the first witness before the House Rules Committee investigating the leak of the peace note. He denied giving any information to B. M. Baruch and declared he did not know about President Wilson's peace note until after advance copies had been given newspapermen.

He said: "I am still awaiting Representative Woods' apology for implicating me."

He read a statement from President Wilson saying: "I wish, in justice to Mr. Tumulty, to say he stated the exact fact. He had no knowledge of the note whatever until given out for publication."

Representative Chipperfield, asked Secretary Tumulty whether he visited a local stock broker. He replied he took Ambassador Gerard to W. B. Hibbs' Brokerage offices. He said Ambassador Gerard wanted to purchase some bonds.

Thomas W. Larson testified: "Many profited from the leak. I profited myself. There have been supreme court leaks also. This damnable situation has existed for two years. Many citizens lost two billion dollars on account of the note leak. Ten thousand persons were ruthlessly robbed." He refused to name the leak source. He said Wall Street regarded Washington leaks as common. He exchanged bitter personalities with Representative Chipperfield.

Secretary Lansing gave the history of the note's preparation and publication. He declared President Wilson wrote it on his own typewriter. He admitted three men, who were not reporters, were present when he gave a confidential statement to the press. He denied ever dealing on Wall Street.

THE WEATHER. Rain in the west. Unsettled, probably rain and snow in east. South winds.

The boy who took the Goeycle from the Arcade Theater last night is known—return it to Arcade and no questions will be asked.

## BARTHOLOMEW IS GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE IN PEN

Portland, Ore., Jan. 8.—(United Press)—Edward Bartholomew, convicted murderer of John Lind, slain in the "green trunk mystery," was sentenced to life imprisonment. In a speech he protested his innocence, but admitted he was an accomplice in the killing.

## WAR ODDITIES

London, Jan. 8.—(United Press)—A bevy of Irish girls are studying shell inspection in an English munition factory preparatory for the opening of a similar plant in Ireland where feminine Irish patriots may do their bit.

faster, and to wipe off the books a lots of old accounts.

## NEW HOMESTEAD LAW ALLOWS 640 ACRES

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—(To the Editor of The Observer)—The 640 acre stock raising homestead law, which has just been signed by the president, has not yet been printed as a law. However, knowing the great interest there is in the provisions of the same among my constituents and the readers of your paper, I this morning secured for you a copy of an advanced print made by the public lands committee. Am sending this to you in the first mail for the west. It occurred to me that you might be glad to run a copy of this law in the next edition of your paper or its exact provisions. Judging by the many inquiries I have had for the same I believe the same would be read

with eagerness. Very truly yours, N. J. SINNOTT.

## THE FERRIS 640-ACRE HOMESTEAD LAW

(In the brief period since the enactment of this law the Interior Department has not had time to compile rules and regulations governing the entry of lands under the provisions of this legislation. Pending the compilation of official rules and regulations the following general comments and explanations have been prepared for the benefit of those seeking information on the subject.)

1. The provisions of the law per-

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