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MAY HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION

PENDING JOINT RESOLUTIONS IN LEGISLATURE MAY CALL FOR CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT.

GOVERNOR TODAY SIGNED THREE BILLS

Senate is Taking Their Time as Only 7 Out of 250 Bills So Far Introduced, Have Been Passed Thus Far During this Session of the Legislature.

SALEM, Jan. 22.—Several pending joint resolutions to amend the state constitution has caused a consideration of the plan for this session to call a special election for the coming spring.

Governor Olcott today signed three bills; they being: abolishing the board of automobile mechanic examiners created under an act which was found unconstitutional; removing provision limiting counties to 2 per cent of the assessed valuation in the issuance of road bonds, which was superseded by the constitutional amendment adopted last May raising the limit to 5 per cent. The other bill signed was the appropriating of \$49,000 for the expenses of this session.

Seven of 256 bills introduced into the senate have passed. Senator Diddy said that the pending prohibition bills do not permit search of residences without a warrant.

LIKES SUNNY SOUTHLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Roesch have been spending the past four months in California where, they say, the sun is as dazzling as ever. Mr. Roesch, of course, visited Tinian, in Old Mexico, and says that, as far as he is concerned, he rather likes the Mexican climate and everything that goes with it. He visited the many cities of interest in California and spent most of his time wandering about the seashores and having pleasant chats with all his friends who are visiting in California at present.

TRAMBITAS WINS BOUT

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Alex Trambitas, Portland welterweight, won the ten round decision over Joe Eagan, of Boston, last night.

The bout was featured by much infighting, in which Eagan had the advantage. Trambitas excelled in long-range fighting.

BOY'S TEAM WINS BY LARGE SCORE

ENTERPRISE, Jan. 22.—The La Grande high school boys' basketball team defeated Enterprise last night by a score of 42 to 19. La Grande had the advantage of Enterprise on the average size of the team and the fast team work. This evening, the La Grande team will play the Wallows high school team.

"Bo's" Tales of Easy Life Not so Appealing In Winter

When the Spring is here, there is a banking among the many men who have the will of the wanderlust in their blood to fling away the cares of a normal working existence and to drift off on the various countries which mark the earth by their presence. It is here, the cold harsh winter is usually most pleasing to the minds of men. No one with Lawrence Edward Williams, who is now being fully asked to the city, will pick up a few cents and from there they were taken and sent to some place where Williams had served some time in the Missouri penitentiary.

JURY LISTS ARE DRAWN

MEN HAVE BEEN ASKED TO APPEAR MONDAY, FEB. 7.

All Of the Jurists Drawn Are Farmers, With the Exception of Two From Cove.

The three jury lists for the Circuit Court were drawn last Thursday evening at the court house. The following men have been subpoenaed to appear Monday, February 7, at 10 a. m., at the court house:

H. E. Bell, Summerville; A. J. Feik, La Grande; Andrew Blokland, Island City; S. L. Burnough, Elgin; W. R. Ledbetter, Summerville; C. W. Bond, La Grande; J. K. Lantz, Cove; L. B. Moore, North Powder; William C. Hill, Elgin; Charles Buesing, La Grande; W. W. Mathews, Alice; Jas. Goble, Medical Springs; Henry Peckler, La Grande; H. E. Bowless, La Grande; James Moss, La Grande; R. M. Duncan, Medical Springs; Antone Hempe, Union; I. E. Chenault, La Grande; William Nebarger, La Grande; A. J. Coe, Elgin; E. E. Kesler, North Powder; A. J. Conklin, Cove; Walter E. Pratt, Alice; J. C. Kofford, Union; Charles Grandy, La Grande; W. W. Holden, Perry; E. L. Halsey, Perry; Aris Rydham, Elgin; F. E. Greiner, La Grande.

All the men drawn for the juries are farmers or retired farmers except two men from Cove. They are A. J. Conklin and J. K. Lantz, and claim fruitgrowing as their occupation.

LOCAL TEAM VICTORIOUS

DEFEATS ENTERPRISE GIRLS BY SCORE OF 55-22.

Pendleton Is the Next Team Which the Local Team Will Clash.

The Enterprise girls' basketball team last evening went down to their second defeat at the hand of the La Grande girls' team which is coached by Miss Faye Armstrong.

A week ago, the two teams played at Enterprise, and because the score was a very even one, last evening's game was expected to be a well-fought contest. However, from the time the whistle sounded, the stars, made by the local team seems to have frightened the visitors, and they gradually lost courage, the one-sided game ending in the score of 22 to 55 in favor of the local team. Ear Reynolds acted as referee.

Following the game, the L. H. S. team took the visitors to the Palace Confectionery for a supper, after which, the guests were taken to Eagles Hall for dancing.

The local team is making all preparation for a hard week's work this coming week, as they meet Pendleton here on Saturday, January 29.

Before last evening's game, the local team sold candy to help along the finances with which to make their games a success.

INCOME MEN VISIT HERE

Deputy Income Tax Collectors have been appointed for La Grande. They are H. O. Payne and M. E. Goffney, who will make La Grande from Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, for the sole purpose of advising La Grangers concerning their income tax, allowances and also to answer any question that the local people may desire to ask concerning the income tax laws and allowances.

This is a subject that the general public has not made a deep study of, and it is probably that they will be well informed concerning it.

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It would, indeed, be worse than folly to consider the soldier problems without also considering the problem of the taxpayer at this critical time. Be it known, once and for all, regarding the worthiness of a cause demanding financial satisfaction, there must first be provided a way to raise the finances without wrecking the ship of state. In other words, the property of Oregon must be considered when plans are being laid for vast expenditures such as the cash bonus to soldiers would be.

Do you realize the amount in the aggregate of a cash bonus? In round figures, it amounts to \$8,000,000 which must be added to the present load of taxation.

Would it be wise, from the standpoint of the soldiers, to pass a cash bonus, even if it could be financed? Most emphatically, No! And all along the line the boys are agreeing that the cash bonus would be bad for the men, would be an unbearable burden on the tax-paying public, and

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NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE IS PROPOSED IN BILL.

Issuance of Franchises For Airplane Companies Introduced Into House.

SALEM, Jan. 22.—Issuance of franchises for airplane companies carrying passengers or freight, thus creating a new source of revenue for the state, and the certification of aviators by a state board of aircraft examiners, are contemplated in legislation proposed by Representative F. Korell, of Multnomah county.

The first of the bills on this line was introduced in the house by Korell Wednesday afternoon. It provides for the creation by appointment by board of aircraft examiners and regulates flying and aviators.

The board is to be composed of five aviators, residents of Oregon for at least a year prior to the passage of this act, and at least three of whom have been commissioned, warranted or appointed as pilots either in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States.

The board will have power to examine all applicants and issue certificates to aviators, and it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or fly aircraft without such certification. The fee is placed at \$25. The commissioners are to receive no salaries, but will receive compensation for traveling expenses and hotel bills in the performances of their duties.

A companion bill providing for the issuance of franchises to aircraft companies will be introduced by Korell within a few days, he states.

MINSTREL BOYS HERE

GLEE CLUBS TO FURNISH AMUSING PROGRAM.

Cake Walks and Other Dances Will Be Feature, Also Snappy Jokes and Peppy Songs.

The boys' glee clubs of the Revere and Greenwood schools are pulling off one of those old-time negro minstrel shows tonight at the High School Auditorium. The time will be well spent if one attends, as the boys have lined up a regular outlay of good jokes, snappy songs and a round of negro folk dances.

They have arranged a program which will, indeed, be of local interest. The boys have worked hard on the affair. No admission will be charged for the four big acts. The days of the negro minstrel seem almost a thing of the past. Not many years ago, people crowded the opera houses to hear the old negro jokes and to hum the snappy songs the minstrel men sang for weeks afterwards. This minstrel is a simple rehash of the past. This evening's program will begin at 8 o'clock.

The affair is under the supervision of Miss Frances Birney, musical director of the La Grande public schools.

Gasoline for California to Come From Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 22.—Gasoline from Alaskan wells will be played on the market here during the coming summer months, according to Nathaniel Green, manager of the Cordova Electric Light company, who was in Juneau recently.

Gasoline and distillate oil are now being supplied Cordova by wells in the Katalla fields, and new wells are being added so that the market will be extended, he said.

DOWN AT SALEM

BY BRUCE DENNIS

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Jan. 22.—(Special Correspondence.)—To get down-to-business and analyze what seems to be before the session thus far as important, we believe the proposed soldier's bonus legislation ranks high.

It ranks high because, first, we all desire to do all we possibly can for the ex-service men, including Civil War veterans and Spanish-American war veterans; secondly, because this must be handled with the most profound thought and consideration to avoid wrecking the state financially.

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Our idea in this was; first, to provide for the soldier's a thrift plan which would encourage them to save sufficient to secure twenty-five percent of the property value they wish to own; second, that it will encourage the boys, who, after having gone through the worst war in the world's history, have a hard time settling down to get a home and work back into the general scene of civil life; third, the plan is business-like and will not work disaster in a financial way to Oregon property, which after all must be used for any form of a bonus plan.

Many of the boys will, at first, criticize this resolution. It may be possible the American Legion which is now working on legislation for a bonus plan, will devise something better, and, if they do, we will support it. But, up to the present time, there has been nothing talked of that, in our opinion, comes near solving the bonus question in an equitable manner other than Joint Resolution No. 4.

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