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LEGISLATURE FOR 1921 IS ADJOURNED

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION COMES TO CLOSE AT 4 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY.

GOVERNOR OLCOTT SIGNS ANTI-BASEBALL BRIBE BILL

Governor Refuses to Approve the Bill Requiring Women Applicants for Marriage Licenses to Be Examined, but Veto Does Not Kill the Bill—Carries Referendum.

SALEM, Feb. 24.—With a record of constructive legislation, covering road measures, co-operative marketing, log-off land, budget for soldiers' benefits and a variety of other legislation, the thirty-first session adjourned at 4 o'clock yesterday.

Governor Olcott signed the anti-baseball bribing bill today. He refused to approve the bill requiring women applicants for marriage licenses to be examined. This does not kill the bill, which carries a referendum provision. He vetoed the bill changing the membership of the emergency board.

LITTLE HOPE FOR DEPOT NOW

OFFICIALS DENY RUMORS OF BUILDING THIS YEAR.

Lots of Work Required to Bring Road Back to Former Physical Condition—Depot Will Probably Follow

According to local railroad officials the possibility of having a depot built here soon is not very bright. The railroad having much improvement work to do at present business conditions do not warrant but which, in some respects more important than the new depot.

While officials here are not in authority to make a decision in the matter, C. F. Roberts, assistant superintendent of the O-W-R. & N. here, believes that the ballasting of the division and replacing about 40 miles of rails is the most important work about this year. The ballasting would probably cost over three quarters of a million dollars alone.

The physical condition of the road will require around a million and a half dollars on this division to make it come up to the standard the O-W-R. lived up to before the war and government control, and while no one can tell just when the depot will be built, in all probability, the road will be put into first class condition first.

Rumors in La Grande to the effect that the depot will be built this year are unfounded, according to officials here.

TWENTY-FIVE ARE LAID OFF BY O-W. AT THE LOCAL SHOPS

An additional 25 men were laid off today at the O-W. shops here, bringing the total laid off this winter to about 250. The reason for the cut, according to C. F. Roberts, assistant superintendent of the railroad, is the falling off in business. When business gets back to normal it is probable that the force here will again be increased.

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

According to the weekly report of the city manager to the city commission, receipts from the treasurer's office for the week ending February 19, 1921, were \$815.94. Water receipts amounted to \$173.20 and improvement district installments to \$65.30, the balance being distributed among the following items: electric permit, septic tank, license and repair of walks. The disbursements were \$725, being all for general warrants and general warrant interest.

The recorder's office issued one day license and one roofing house license, the police department collected \$18.00 in fines and served 13 meals to inmates in jail. At the end of the week there were three persons in jail. No convictions were reported during the week. One arrest was made for disorderly conduct, two agents were picked up and one traffic violation was reported. Twenty-seven houses were quarantined and nine quarantines were released.

HOOVER LEAVES FINAL DECISION WITH HARDING

HAS PLAN FOR GENERAL RECONSTRUCTION OF DEPT.

President-elect Asked to Decide Where Hoover Will Be of Most Benefit to the Nation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Herbert Hoover today said that he had left it with Harding to decide whether he could be of more service as secretary of commerce or as director of European relief. He said that he had put up to Harding a proposal for a general reconstruction of the department and the enlargement of its field. He added that if he accepted, he saw a way to make changes which would make it a "real department of commerce" instead of a group of scientific bureaus.

PAVING MAY BE DISCONTINUED

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WILL GIVE DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

Property Owners Assessed for Small Strip of Paving Offered Five Per Cent If Paid Now.

Property owners assessed for the paving of the alley parallel with and south of Adams avenue between Fir and Greenwood will receive a 5 per cent discount on their assessments for that work if they pay them immediately, according to a letter received by City Manager George Garrett and read in commissioner's meeting last night.

After discussing the question, the commissioners decided to notify the property owners of the construction company's offer and request them to pay their assessments now so that they can take advantage of the discount.

Several property owners have already paid their assessments, according to City Recorder J. E. Stead, and several others have expressed their intention of paying the obligation within a few days, so there is little doubt that the majority will take advantage of the offer.

The city will also be spared the expense of issuing bonds by paying the contractors immediately. The job was a comparatively small one but the expense of printing bonds would be at least \$60, even though only three were printed.

MILL MAY PARTLY OPEN

CONDITIONS IN LUMBER MARKET NOT TOO BRIGHT NOW

Half of Perry Mill May Operate Soon—Prices of Lumber Down to Pre-War Level Now.

It is possible that the mill at Perry will be started with a half crew within several weeks, according to John Stoddard, acting manager of the Grande Ronde Lumber Company. Nothing definite could be stated at this time, he said, but the prospects for half of the mill being put into operation are good.

The lumber market has been falling and at present lumber prices are down to the pre-war level. For that reason the mills have been doing the minimum of work, operation to supply current demands being all that is feasible at this time. This condition is general in all northwest lumber centers.

Wages Still High.

The labor scale is now still very high while the price of lumber is down where it was when lower wages and longer hours prevailed and this is also affecting the market, while the high freight rates practically shut off a large eastern market, the mills from the northwest paying from \$94 to \$390 a car more for freight to Chicago than the mills in the south pay.

The housing shortage, according to recently compiled statistics is now 3,400,000 short of the requirements. For the past five years this would mean the building of 680 new homes a year. This is over two times the average number built annually since 1890 and close to fifty per cent more than the highest number built in one year.

JAPAN IS HELPLESS TO INVALIDATE THE "CALIFORNIA LAW"

TOKYO, Feb. 24.—Japan can do nothing to invalidate the anti-Japanese legislation in California, declared Viscount Okuma, foreign minister.

U. S. CLAIMS INTEREST IN POSSESSIONS

CLAIM IS MADE IN NOTE TO SUPREME COUNCIL OF LEAGUE ON MANDATES.

U. S. NEVER AGREED THAT YAP BE GIVEN TO JAPAN

Some Members of the Council Held That America Had Forfeited Her Rights by Withdrawing As An Associated Power From the Supreme Council.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The United States government, in a note to the Supreme council of the League of Nations on mandates, claims equal concern and interest with the other principle powers in the overseas possessions of Germany and in their disposition. The United States declared that it had never consented that the island of Yap be included in the territories subjected to the mandate of Japan. The council again took up consideration of the note. Some members held that America had forfeited her right by withdrawing as an associated power from the supreme council.

TRAFFIC LAW VIOLATOR FINED

MUNICIPAL COURT IMPOSES HEAVY FINE FOR OFFENSE

Four Counts Draw Fine of \$150 for Harry Holmes—Violator Unable to Pay Stiff Fine.

Harry Holmes was fined \$150 in municipal court this morning for violating four provisions of the motor vehicle laws, the violations having been made simultaneously. Holmes was arrested several days ago for reckless driving, driving without lights, driving without a driver's permit and for not having license plates on his machine.

He has been in jail since then, not being able to secure funds to provide the bond fixed pending trial and will continue to live at the city jail temporarily because of his inability to pay the fine. He will probably be put to work on the streets of the city and allowed \$2 a day on his fine while the guest of the city.

LT. CONEY COMPLETES FLIGHT FROM SAN DIEGO TO JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 24.—Lieutenant Coney completed his flight from San Diego today. His flying time was 22 hours and 32 minutes, an average of 98 miles per hour.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—The livestock market was steady today, eggs weak and butter firm.

CITY TO HAVE PEST HOUSE

COMMISSION DECIDES TO JOIN COUNTY IN BUILDING.

Structure Must Not Cost Over \$3,000 According to Officials of Both County and City.

The city of La Grande will join with Union county in erecting a pest house provided the construction does not cost more than \$3,000 which is to be met half by the city and half by the county. This decision was reached yesterday evening at the meeting of the city commissioners when it was reported that the county commissioners had unofficially promised to have the county share the expense in the amount of \$1500.

The site for the pest house has not been selected yet, nor have definite plans been drawn. C. B. Miller, architect, is, however, making preliminary sketches of a suitable building. The pest house will, when built, be used for taking care of city and county charges suffering from contagious diseases as well as make it possible for doctors to isolate private cases, in the latter case, payment being made by the patients for the privilege.

BABE HERMAN GETS DECISION

WINS OVER BUD RIDLEY IN TEN ROUNDS LAST NIGHT.

Manager Moore, of Milwaukee Announces No More Fights for This Month.

PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—Babe Herman, bantamweight boxer of San Francisco, was awarded the ten-round decision over Bud Ridley of Seattle, last night. Manager Moore, of the Milwaukee arena, announced that there would be no fights for a month or six weeks, owing to the poor attendance at the recent fights. The match was hard fought, but when Herman pressed Ridley in the 10th the referee raised Herman's hand.

The decision was booed by the crowd. Neil Allison, welterweight, fought a draw with Stanley Willis, of Portland in the 8-round semi-final.

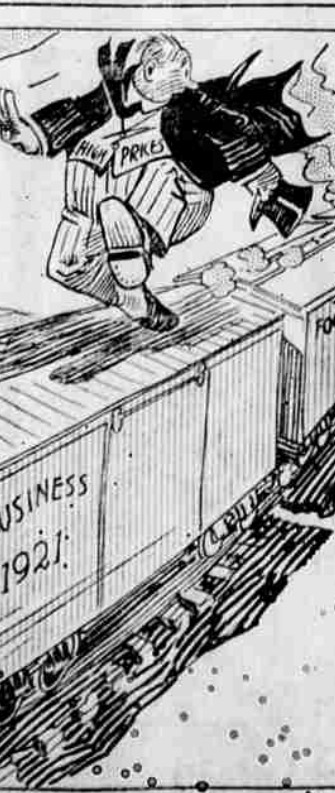
Moy McCaslin, of Seattle, welterweight, knocked out Charley Dawson, of Eugene, in the second round of a scheduled seven-round fight. Johnny Esko, Portland featherweight, scored a technical knockout over Joe Dunn in the fourth round of a scheduled four-round go.

Harry Eagles, Oakland lightweight, won a four-round decision over Johnny Trambitas, of Portland.

CONFEREES ARE AGREED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A complete agreement on the Fordney emergency tariff bill has been reached by the senate and house conferees. The report will go before the house probably tomorrow, for immediate action.

Low Bridge



DELEGATES WILL ACCEPT DECISIONS

RESULTS OF ALLIES' DECISION IN NEAR EAST CONFERENCE WILL BE ABIDED BY.

COMMISSION MAY BE SENT TO INVESTIGATE CLAIMS

Allied Supreme Council is Expected to Solve the Near East Problem by Examining the Claims of Greece and Turkey to Smyrna and Thrace. While they May Cease Hostilities.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The delegates of the Constantinople government and the Turkish nationalists have agreed to accept the decisions of the Allies in the Near East Conference.

The allied supreme council is expected to solve the Near East problem by sending a commission to examine the claims of Greece and Turkey to Smyrna and Thrace. In the meantime, the Turks and Greeks are expected to cease hostilities.

JACK PEARE IS OUT FOR POST

PENDLETON REPUBLICANS ENDORSE LA GRANDE MAN.

Eastern Oregon Only Seeks The One Political Plum—That of Internal Revenue Collector.

PENDLETON, Feb. 24.—Jack Pearce, of La Grande, hopes to succeed Milton A. Miller as collector of internal revenue for this district.

In furtherance of his candidacy for this position Mr. Pearce visited Pendleton Tuesday and evidently lined up considerable support in behalf of his candidacy. Petitions are now being circulated locally in his behalf.

Pearce is in the jewelry business in La Grande and is quite well known throughout Umatilla, Union and Baker counties by reason of his political activities. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus and in connection with the work of that organization has visited Pendleton on several occasions.

No local aspirants have appeared for this office and Pearce is the only man who has thus far sought local support for this position.

That Mr. Pearce stands an excellent chance of being named for the place is the opinion of Marion Jack, prominent local republican. He says Pearce is the only candidate from eastern Oregon for this position and that this is the only position eastern Oregon republicans are asking for.

The race seems to be between Mr. Pearce and Clyde Huntley, of Oregon City.

WORLD WAR REVENGE IS COMPLETED

IDENTITY OF MURDERED MAN IS DISCOVERED.

Was Formerly An Officer In the Austrian Army, But Deserted to Serbian Standard.

PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—The man found murdered near the city Tuesday, was the victim of a revenge growing out of the world war, was the information received by the sheriff late today. The man was said to have been an ex-officer of the Austrian army, who deserted with 600 of his men to join the Serbian standard. The sheriff was informed that he had lived in constant fear that he would meet death at the hands of persons who resented this action. R. E. Phillips, of Courtney station, identified the man, though the officers did not give out the victim's name.

Up until this information was given out, officers were unable to identify the man, whose body was found by the Campfire girls on the Hoffman ranch near the Barnes road, with three fatal bullet wounds in the head. They advanced the belief that he was either a Russian or Slavonian. His shoes came from Vladivostok and the suit which he wore from Sacramento, Calif.

That the man was murdered there was no doubt at all in the minds of the officials conducting the investigation. They are likewise confident that a clearance of the mystery will reveal the presence of a woman. There were several points brought out in the investigation which gave strong indications of this nature. Chief of these points was the finding of a pair of woman's black silk gloves in the pockets of the dead man. A silk handkerchief with a floral border also was found. It bore no laundry mark, nor was there any mark on the gloves which might serve in establishing their identification.

The fact that there was no money in the clothing or any papers or letters which would aid in a speedy identification lent color to the theory that robbery might have been the purpose. The man was wearing clothing of an expensive make and it might have been possible for him to have carried a large sum of money, so far as general outward appearances indicated.

WILL SALVAGE FALLEN TIMBER

DEVASTATION OF BEAUTIFUL TIMBER IS LARGE.

Washington Legislature is Asked for \$100,000 for Handling Situation Caused By Recent Storms.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 24.—One hundred thousand dollars for handling the situation created by the devastation of Olympic peninsula will be urged in the Washington legislature following a conference here of 50 representatives of various timber interests and Governor L. E. Hart. The legislature will be urged to vest in the governor absolute authority over the storm-swept area.

The problem of the fire hazard is considered of primary importance and salvaging the fallen timber as secondary. The governor said it probably would require 15 years to salvage the timber.

PRESIDENT HARDING WILL RIDE TO CAPITOL ON INAUGURATION DAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson will follow the custom of riding to the capitol with the incoming president on March 4.

STATEMENT OF BANK BUSINESS ASKED FOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The controller of currency has issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business on February 21.

LOCAL MAN IS GIVEN INCREASE

SALEM, Feb. 24.—The salary of the district attorney for Union county has been increased from \$1800 to \$1900.

INTEREST CENTERED IN BILLS

SENATOR DENNIS TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFERENDUM ON SALARY MEASURE.

BELEIF OF LOCAL SENATORIS THAT PEOPLE MAY CHOOSE

Senator Eberhard, Representatives Hunter and Hyatt Did Not Advocate Excessive Increase in Salaries For Union and Wallawa Counties. But Did Not Think Matter Should Be Referred to People.

SENATE CHAMBER, Salem, Feb. 24.—To the Voters of Union and Wallawa Counties. Inasmuch as there is deep interest centered around bills for raising salaries of certain of the county officers of Union and Wallawa counties in the legislative session just closed, I believe it is but fair and just to Senator Eberhard and Representatives Hunter and Hyatt, to accept and take unto myself all responsibility for having the referendum attached to these measures.

Neither Senator Eberhard, Mr. Hunter or Mr. Hyatt advocated excessive increase in salaries, and their contention that most officials are underpaid is apparent. Although such officials are underpaid, it was my belief, and is now, that with a special election in June, the voters should have the right to determine this question for themselves. Senator Eberhard and Representatives Hunter and Hyatt argued on the other hand that the delegation should assume the responsibility.

I desire to impress upon all that Senator Eberhard, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Hyatt were acting in a thoroughly sincere manner and there was no friction whatever in the delegation. It was a case of an honest difference among men, and whatever burden of blame may attach to the placing of the referendum clause on the salary bills should fall entirely upon myself.

Very sincerely yours,
BRUCE DENNIS,
Senator from Union and Wallawa Counties.

P. S. This communication is published after the entire delegation has read and approved it.

For the information of the Observer readers, House Bill No. 322, introduced by Mr. Hunter and Senator Eberhard and read for the first time February 9, is printed in full as follows:

For an act to amend section 3625 of Oregon Laws, relating to salaries of officers of Union county, Oregon.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. That section 3625 of Oregon Laws be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 3625. Union County Salaries. The county officers of Union county shall receive the following annual salaries:

1. County judge, (\$1,200) \$2,000, and to devote all of his time to the office.

2. County commissioners, \$5 per day for each day employed in the transaction of county business.

3. County treasurer, (\$1,200) \$1,500.

4. County clerk, (\$1,800) \$2,000.

(5. Recorder of conveyances, \$1,500.)

(6. Deputy, \$900.)

(7. Sheriff, \$2,500; (a—first deputy, \$1,200; b—second deputy, \$900.)

(8. Assessor, (\$1,500) \$1,800; (one deputy, \$30 per month; (b) and such (other) deputies as will be necessary.)

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J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GILLILAN

HAD BEEN BUSY.

The Harney county (Oregon) deputy had not been arresting anybody, though bootlegging was active. The U. S. Marshal and some plain clothes men came in, made a big haul, then called the local man in the car.

"You're fixed!"

"Well, if you say so. But it ain't fair."

"Why not? What have you been doing?"

"Well, two of them fellows you see—I heard 'em talking in front of the bakery one day. One of 'em said, 'We can't haul anything on the stuff at six and a half or seven a quart. We gotta get ten or quit.'"

"I stepped right in front of 'em, and said, 'You'll hold on to six and a half, or I'll pinch the both of 'em.'"