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Under the Big Dome

(By ELBERT BEDE.)
STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Ore., Feb. 22.—Representative MacPherson, formerly of Oregon Agricultural college and author of a complete reorganization and consolidation program which has failed to make headway, said today in his argument for reorganization of the educational system, that educational institutions of the state have had to give too much time to political strategy for their own preservation and too little to the business which is supposed to be theirs. Our too much managed educational system was the way he referred to it, and somewhat truthfully, indicating that some time too much management may be mismanagement.

Incidentally and significantly, MacPherson came within two votes of getting a majority for his educational reorganization plan. Senator Eddy's plan for a state board of education, to be composed entirely of laymen, also secured about the same number of votes.

Several alumni of institutions of higher learning were among those voting for the reorganization program, all of which indicates that the time has come when education must be organized upon a basis more in harmony with the ideas of those who are so friendly to education that they insist upon its being put upon a plane that will put it above most of the criticism.

It was pointed out, in the discussion of the Eddy bill, that county boards of education and city boards of education are composed entirely of laymen, with results satisfactory.

In the discussion of the Eddy bill, MacPherson argued against it on the ground that the faults which Eddy has pointed out are being corrected while the Eddy reorganization would be a radical change.

Incidentally it may be pointed out that Representative MacPherson is not the man of the cloven hoof that pre-legislative descriptions would have had him appear. And it must also be pointed out that he has been complimented upon the comprehensive program of reorganization and consolidation which he worked out, all of which was a flop this time but may be more successful two years or four years from now with proper advance notice and proper chaperonage upon its introduction here.

The Lane and Benton county delegations, true to their institutions, voted solidly against the proposed educational reorganization program.

The sentiment here is more friendly to higher education than some comment might lead one to believe, but there is a decided feeling that while higher education is

desirable and to be coveted, yet all are entitled to a complete grounding in the fundamentals, which some seem not to be given as fully as hard headed legislators expect them to be given.

Whatever may happen, educational institutions will remain in favor and will be fairly and generously dealt with by the legislature.

The introduction of a thousand bills at the session has not been as disastrous a flood as that provided by nature.

Fred Drager, former chief clerk, had a new job today. He had to act as reading clerk until 4:30 this afternoon, as the writer, who endeavors to fill that position, and who spent the week end at his home at Cottage Grove, was unable to reach here until that time. This is the first time a reading clerk has been off the job for 20 years or more. Drager expressed his pleasure when the regular clerk got back onto the job.

The house does not seem to favor the idea of a divided legislative assembly. Members figure that it is had enough to have to come here once in two years and do not take kindly to the idea of organizing things at home, then returning for 10 days and having to do the thing over again. However, the bill with that idea in mind, after a lengthy discussion, was referred to committee, to be brought out as a proposed constitutional amendment.

One thing is certain as the session draws to a close and that is, that as usual, there is to be no reduction in automobile license fees, although the usual number of bills on the subject have been introduced.

One thing is certain, there is no lack of water to give the old ship of state plenty of draught. The trouble seems to be that there is no pilot who knows all the rocks and reefs.

A little lad was visiting the senate today. When he left his only comment was to ask, "Grandma, why do they holler so?"

The balance given by having two bodies of the legislature is illustrated by the fact that often a piece of legislation will go through one house with an almost unanimous vote but in the other house defects are found that send it to a painless indefinite postponement death. Of course this often happens because one house wishes to pay a courtesy to a member of that body who introduced a bill, feeling certain that the proposed piece of legislation will be killed in the other house. Also it often happens that a legislator, wishing to make a hit with constituents, gets a bill through one house expecting it to be defeated in the other. Sometimes this is referred to as passing the buck, which has become something of a national sport.

With plenty of water everywhere, the old ship of state ought to sail through to a sine die adjournment not later than tomorrow night.

Senator Marks of Linn county passed a bill through the senate that would prohibit the use of clams as bait for deep sea crab fishing. Evidently the demand for this piece of legislation came from residents of Linn county's several ocean ports.

A large part of the forenoon session today was taken up in a discussion of clams and crabs, of the first of which there are none here, and of the latter of which there will be many unless there is a sine die adjournment by tomorrow night.

The legislature is heaping coals of fire upon the head of Veto Ike. With all local salary bills nipped just between the chin and the shoulders with Ike's little ax, a salary of \$4,000 the year has been provided for the governor's secretary and for two other secretaries. And it's a safe bet that Ike will have some of the strong men of the session hold the ax away from him until this little bill has done a hop, skip and jump down to the secretary of state's office.

It doesn't take very long, despite the many precautions taken, to find that legislation enacted has some defect. Already at least one bill has been introduced to amend a law of this session, and there is a rumble which indicates that an effort will be made to amend the income tax law, which reached the secretary of state's office with just the amount of delay in the governor's office necessary for attaching the gubernatorial approval. I know of no reason why a law of an existing session can't be amended, but I have never seen it done.

Salary raising bills and bills to prescribe new methods for salary raising have taken up what seems

to have been about a quarter of the time of the session, and not one of them will become law.

Those who voted way back in 1858, or whenever it was, for the construction of the present capitol building, probably were accused of gross extravagance, and by their friends were given credit for a vision into the future. They had a greater vision than it would take to see that a new capitol building is a necessity of the not distant future. The point is falling rapidly from the present building and so far there has not been even a suggestion of an appropriation for its repainting. A curiosity is the old roller rack in the lavatory upon which old style roller towels offered their services up until a few years ago.

The laugh that Walter Pierce must be having when he sees the session trying to circumvent the reduced levying base which he arbitrarily established may be worth to him all the expense the session has been put to in endeavoring to find a solution for its revenue ills and woes.

I have never before seen so much water go over the legislative wheels with so little in the way of results.

A suggestion to make the printing office pay, and at the same time solve the financial difficulties of the state, is to have the printers get out a bunch of paper money in large denominations. A joint memorial might be necessary to ask permission of congress.

Only One Left

The car had broken down, and the pair of legs protruding from underneath seemed to indicate that repairs were in progress.

"Had a breakdown?" inquired a passerby.

"Oh, no; only playing hide-and-seek with the works," came a muffled voice from underneath the car.

But the questioner was not easily daunted.

"What power car is it?"

"Forty-horse."

"What's up with it?"

"Well, as far as I can see," answered the car owner, "thirty-nine of the horses have bolted and the remaining one is too upset to answer questions." — Pittsburg "Chronicle Telegraph."

Cleo: What sort of a girl is she?

Pat: Positively hopeless, my dear. She's only been engaged four times and she's already contemplating marriage. — California "Pelican."

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Mrs. Elizabeth Tipton of Portland, grand associate conductress of the grand chapter of the Eastern Star of Oregon, will pay an official visit to the local chapter Friday night. She is district deputy of the grand worthy matron and this is her annual visit. Candidates will be initiated and a social meeting will follow. Mrs. T. C. Wheeler is chairman of the hostess committee.

Mrs. C. F. Hoskins has invited the Social Twelve club to be her guests this afternoon. This will take the place of the regular meeting, which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Chambers.

Mrs. Herbert Eakin and Mrs. Henry Veatch were joint hostesses Monday at the Eakin home for the Past Matrons club. A business meeting was held and plans for the annual Past Matrons night to be held March 11 in the Masonic hall were discussed. As a part of the entertainment for the afternoon the guests were given papers to read concerning the life of George Washington. A course luncheon was served in progressive style, the guests changing to different tables and having other partners with each course. Attractive centerpieces for the tables were wreaths of smilax with candles in the centers. Additional guests meeting with the club were Mrs. Jennie Nichols of San Francisco, Mrs. Roy Short, Mrs. Joe Smith and Mrs. C. A. Beidler.

Mrs. H. A. Miller was hostess Tuesday afternoon for the O. L. H. club inviting as additional guests, Miss Esther Silsby, Mrs. Clara Burkholder, Mrs. A. W. Swanson, Mrs. W. E. Lebow, Mrs. T. C. Wheeler, Miss Lulu Currin and Mrs. Harry Metcalf. The rooms were attractively decorated with flags and red, white and blue bunting. The guests came gowned in colonial costumes and Mrs. Burkholder represented George Washington and Miss Silsby impersonated John Alden. Following an afternoon of bridge, a delicious two-course luncheon was served.

The Tuesday Evening Study club entertained Tuesday at the home of Mrs. George Matthews for their annual guest night. Guests were members of the Research and Social Twelve clubs, the other two federated clubs of the city. D. P. Cameron gave an interesting travelogue, taking his audience with him, via the Canadian Pacific to the east coast, where they took passage on a soldier transport for England. From there a trip over the continent was taken. Frances Mackin and Madeline Beidler played a piano duet and Miss Mary Benson gave a vocal selection, accompanied by Mrs. Beattie Sutcliffe. Mrs. Anna Landshury Beck of the University of Oregon, who was to have spoken on her travels in the South Sea Islands, was unable to be present. A number of games were played after which dainty refreshments were served. A bouquet of red carnations formed an artistic centerpiece for the table and potted primroses were room decorations.

Mrs. Schofield Stewart entertained this week for the Tuesday Bridge club at the home of Mrs. R. L. Stewart. A 1 o'clock luncheon was served after which the guests played bridge. Place cards were of a patriotic design and red carnations and red sweet peas were room decorations. At bridge Mrs. Schofield Stewart held high score. Special guests were Mrs. Harold Axley, Mrs. Charles Adams, Mrs. Raymond Grube and Mrs. O. M. Miller.

Following short business meetings of both the American Legion and the Legion auxiliary held Monday night, the organizations joined for a social session. The losing sides in the recent membership drive entertained the winning side and also invited Spanish war veterans and their wives to be guests. At the meetings a number of the members signified their intention of attending the district conference being held Friday in Albany.

Mrs. Glen Haney was hostess Thursday for the Ad Libitum club. At the close of a social afternoon spent with needlework the hostess served a delicious two-course luncheon. Quantities of daffodils were used for table and room decorations.

Mrs. John W. Craig entertained a group of friends Monday afternoon, honoring her sister-in-law, Mrs. William Craig of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, who is her house guest for a few days. A program consisting of the following numbers were given: duet by Mrs. Roy Short and Mrs. George Matthews; duet by Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Matthews; piano solo, Mary Craig; reading, Mrs. Inman. A dainty luncheon was served. Guests were Mrs. C. A. Beidler, Mrs. Charles Adams, Mrs. Fred Wright, Mrs. Joe

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Mrs. Albert Woodard was hostess today at her home for the

Utopia club. The afternoon was spent socially and with needle work. A tempting two-course luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Beth Bede. The guests were given miniature hatchets with historical questions

written on them. They found their places at the tables by answers to the questions. Red carnations and red candles in crystal candle sticks were attractive table decorations.

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