

AUTOMATIC COMPENSATION BILL IS KILLED

Legislators Wisely Conclude That the Working Men of Oregon Know Best What They Want

The Abbott bill, to provide for automatic compensation (so-called) for injuries sustained by wage-earners, was killed in the house of representatives at Salem yesterday by a vote of 33 to 25.

RAILROAD UNIONS HAVE WON BOILER INSPECTION

Organized Labor's Growing Power in Congress Proved by Passage of Life-Saving Law. (By Pan-American Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—The adoption by the house of the locomotive boiler inspection bill previously passed by the senate is considered a remarkable victory by members of the labor lobby who have witnessed in the past the bitter opposition to this measure displayed by the railroad corporations.

The Garment Workers will give their sixth annual ball at Christensen's hall, 11th and Yamhill, Friday, February 24, 1911.

HENRY GEORGE, JR., M. C.



Henry George, Jr., will be in Portland about the 1st of March. He is to address the Idaho legislature on February 18. Mr. George is the son of that great economist whose "Progress and Poverty" has made a new epoch in civilization, and he is a "chip off the old block."

THE DALLES BARBERS' UNION

T. M. Leabo, secretary of the Barbers of Portland, local 75, last week organized a union of his craft at the Dalles with every shop in town on his lists.

Corporations having valuable franchises for which they have paid nothing but bribes can easily pay more taxes in Oregon without anybody being wronged.

In spite of the efforts of T. T. Geer and other "has-beens," Arizona goes on record in support of its "Oregon modeled" constitution three to one.

Building trades in New York are likely to have a tussle with the contractors.

IS HITCHCOCK SLATED FOR SCRAP HEAP?

Every postoffice official, from Hitchcock down, is now blaming the man below him for inefficiency, insubordination and mismanagement, but the truth of the matter is that the man at the very top, President Taft, started the disorganization by demanding a showing of "economy" which would assist his campaign for reelection in 1912.

"PEACEFUL" TEACHERS SCORED BY GENERAL

Actual Head of U. S. Army Declares Schools Teach Children That War is Bad. (By Pan-American Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Making an open declaration of war against "peaceful" school teachers, Maj. Gen. Leonard A. Wood, U. S. A., has this to say in the course of a lengthy address just delivered before the District Commandery of the Loyal Legion of Honor.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

How much does it cost some big corporations to keep a few first-grade and a host of second-grade lawyers in Salem? H. W. Thatcher, for instance, head of the Telephone monopoly, is not in Salem during a legislative session for his health.

SEVEN TO ONE

Seven lawyers fought E. G. Berger in his efforts to secure the labeling of convict made products, but organized labor won out in spite of the learned quibblers.

MUTUAL RESPECT

Speaking of the situation regarding the Japanese emigration question, the Coast Seamen's Journal says: "It is well enough to cultivate friendly relations with our neighbors across the Pacific, but it must be borne in mind that real friendship must rest upon mutual respect. The latter condition, in turn, must rest upon a clear recognition of the difference between the races. To ignore that difference, to forego the right to act accordingly, is to cultivate contempt, not respect, with its sequel of enmity."

WHO WE WORK FOR

A very poor and aged man busied in planting and grafting an apple tree was rudely interrupted by this interrogation: "Why do you plant trees when you cannot hope to eat the fruit of them?" He raised himself up, replied, "Some one planted trees for me before I was born and I have eaten the fruit. I now plant for others that the memorial of my gratitude may exist when I am dead and gone." Just so with the labor movement; we are working for posterity, not all for ourselves today.

COST OF CHEAP LABOR

The strike of the Chicago garment workers has cost the manufacturers at least \$4,000,000 through the cancellation of orders because of the walkout. In addition to this loss, the manufacturers have seen thousands of dollars' worth of material ruined by incompetent strike breakers.

SHALL THE POSTOFFICE BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY

Stop Sunday work in the postoffice in Portland. That is what the workers want. For many years the mailcarriers and the clerks have been required to hand out mail on Sundays. No necessity for it. Just a notion. A relic of old times when the postmaster knew everybody by their first names and mail came in on a steamer on Saturday once in three weeks.

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Other large cities are taking it up with success. It will make it necessary for carriers to work on Monday's a little harder, but there is plenty of craft in the carrying of mails by the railroads that can be shut off sufficiently to hire a few extra men on Monday. Hitchcock, the postmaster general, will not last long. He can afford to hire men enough to handle the mails without working them seven days in the week.

A FAIR FRATERNITY

Over 13 years ago the Fraternal Brotherhood of Los Angeles joined the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association. At that time the organization was a booster for the city, and it was represented by men who did not care to make a fight on organized labor.

MUTUAL RESPECT

Some of the Oregon senators declared that the single tax was a measure to enable the railroads to escape taxes on their rolling stock, and every railroad worker up there applauded and endorsed the sentiment. Queer, isn't it, that the senators who work and vote hardest for the big business interests are so afraid that the people of any county might take taxes off railroad rolling stock and increase them on the vacant tracts of land and half abandoned right of way?

WHO WE WORK FOR

Judge Gilbert, presiding judge in the county court at Kansas City, Mo., declares that he is in favor of having all the county printing bear the union label, and that all the mechanical work which it is necessary to do should be done by union men, because, in his opinion, they represent the workmen who have attained the highest degree of skill and efficiency. Wise judge!

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Max Burgholzer of Eugene writes to the Minneapolis Co-operation that the Oregon legislature has had three restrictions placed upon it since the people have had the initiative. The legislature has lost power to call a constitutional convention, to amend city charters and to enact taxation laws without a referendum vote.

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Without discussion, on February 2 the Persian parliament voted to engage five American financial advisers. The foreign minister stated that the contracts for these services would specify a minimum of three and a maximum of five years.

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St. Louis has 41,000 men and women in the organized trades, far outnumbering Kansas City, and the majority work eight hours a day.

A FAIR FRATERNITY

This organization is represented by Hon. James A. Foran, of California, as its president. M. O'Malley is the state manager for Oregon, and is making a special campaign for membership among union men and women in Portland.

MUTUAL RESPECT

When Mayor Adam of the little city of Eden was removed from office, he blamed it to the woman. In Seattle, Mayor Gill kept the hook and blames it to Eva, too.

WHO WE WORK FOR

Lawless strikers at any time are few. They are always preceded by lawless employers, accompanied by lawless strikebreakers and followed by lawless police and lawless courts.

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The fearful dynamite explosion in New York is being laid on some workmen, the "biguns" creeping from under an elaborate investigation.

BIG BUNCH OF KNOCKERS

On Monday the meeting of the business agents of the Building Trades came to the unanimous conclusion that they could do more business in Salem than anywhere else in Oregon, and they scattered for grips and collars to meet at the state house.

The special object was to impress it upon the house of representatives that the working people wanted the liability law left just as it is and the fake compensation law killed.

They made such an impression by their presence that Tuesday night the compensation bill went down to defeat by a vote of 33 to 25, after a leaflet was set up and placed on every member's desk Tuesday night, for there were printers among the bunch of labor men, and the exigencies demanded immediate action. It helped to turn the trick. It is said that Will Daly did some composing of the language as he

licked off the linotype machine. Anyway, it was a good literary production.

The following are among those who went to Salem to make the fight for the liability law and the defeat of the fake compensation monstrosity: F. Hannon, Iron Workers; O. Nordstrom and O. Hartwidze, Painters; J. D. M. Crookwell, E. Smith, B. J. Wanburg and C. A. Jordan, Electrical Workers; W. Jenkins, Cement Workers; A. Madsen, T. Smith, G. Horrig, J. Misher and H. Flitz, Longshoremen; B. W. Sleeman, R. O. Rector, George Hibbs, Carpenters; Joe Foley, Plasterers; Will Daly, Printers; President Frazier of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Our present jury system puts a premium upon ignorance and promotes injustice. Litigation, judicial corruption and the production of more lawyers.

St. Louis defeated by an overwhelming vote the proposed new charter which omitted direct recall and provided a fake recall provision.

The commission form of government for Joliet Ill., has been defeated.

LATE NEWS

An amendment is now before the people of Kansas allowing women a vote on all state officers. It does not provide for a vote in presidential elections.

In Seattle Detective Burns has shown some indication that vice furnished graft of magnitude to the benefit of a political gang of which C. W. Wapenstein, chief of police, was head. A job could be given Burns in Portland with great advantage to the future of the morals of the city.

The first civil case in Oregon to be decided by nine out of 12 jurors has gone on record this week. The lawyers may find this change makes change short with them.

The Hawthorne avenue bridge is nearly \$40,000 shy of the cost estimated and the city general funds will have to make it up. The bridge is used by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company cars to a greater extent than by the public, but it is not paying what it is provided by law should be paid, thanks to its ex (?) attorney, the Mayor.

A report from Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, just made public, shows a rapidly forming timber trust. The Southern Pacific alone owns 10 per cent of the timber in the northwest. The remedy is the one England is applying to the lords: holdings, taxation of land values, exclusive of improvements.

Anybody can tell you how you might have succeeded, after you have failed.

Prosperity has ruined many a man," remarked the moralizer. "Well," rejoined the demoralizer, "was going to be ruined at all and prosperity to do it."

Infamous hospital tax has a source of revenue to many a doctor with a pull.