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Few of the Important Measures Have as Yet Been Introduced.

Appropriations Asked for Total \$425,000—Rural Credits Bill Causes Controversy—Consolidation of State Departments on Program—"Bone Dry" Bill on Way—No Change in Tax Notice Law—Woman Introduces Measure.

Salem.—The legislature began the third week of the session with all the big constructive legislation yet to receive attention. In fact, aside from Representative Anderson's measure to make effective the "bone dry" constitutional amendment adopted at the November election only one or two other bills of any great importance to the state at large had been introduced. When the legislature adjourned last Friday in order to permit members to visit the agricultural college at Corvallis Saturday, one-third of the 49-day limit which the law sets on the session had expired and leaders appreciate that it will be necessary to get down to business this week if the usual rush is to be avoided during the closing days of the session.

During the second week of the session the volume of bills introduced was larger than during the first week and if the bills dropped into the legislative hopper continue at the present rate the proposed legislation will be almost as great as it was two years ago. The senate adjourned with 119 bills on the calendar, compared with 98 at the same time in 1915 and the house had 178 compared with 206. Four measures passed both houses two of which received the signature of the governor. The senate sent sixteen other bills over to the house for action and the house sent twenty-two more bills to the senate.

First Bill Signed is for Expenses. The first bill to pass both houses and receive the signature of the governor was an appropriation of \$25,000 to defray the expenses of the legislature itself. This is only a starter and several more bills relating to the expenses are likely to follow. The total expenses for the 1915 session ran up to \$68,416.03 and it is hoped the ex-

penses of the present session will keep within that figure.

Appropriations aggregating \$424,787.50 have been introduced. The budget of the state game and fish commission came in with an addition of \$89,600 and miscellaneous claims which have been filed make a grand total of \$520,975.56 which has been asked of the legislature during the first two weeks. Inasmuch as the legislature faced a budget of \$715,382.09 in excess of the 6 per cent limitation amendment when it convened it finds itself at the close of the second week with a total sum of \$1,194,836.15 which it must cut out to keep within the constitutional requirements.

Must Make Rural Credits Effective. One of the important tasks before the present session is to enact a law making effective the rural credits amendment to the state constitution adopted at the last election.

Senator Shanks of Wheeler county has sought to meet the situation by introducing a bill creating two new offices and an expensive system of administering the rural credits fund. His bill already has become more or less of a storm center and has engendered a controversy between Senator Shanks and State Treasurer Kay. A bill representing the views of the state land board and the organizations which initiated the rural credits amendment will be ready for introduction this week.

An effort will be made at this session to work out an effective plan to consolidate state offices and departments. Both houses tackled the problem last week. The senate desired to have a joint committee of both houses handle all consolidation bills, but the house rejected a senate resolution favoring that plan; so each house will have a committee to pass upon consolidation bills.

First Consolidation Measure Loses. The first of the consolidation measures to come to a vote in either house provided for a new state board of education of three members and a paid secretary at \$1800 a year. In this board were to be combined the state board of textbook commissioners, the board of higher curricula and the board of regents, respectively, of the University of Oregon, Oregon agricultural college and state normal schools. The senate committee on education, returned unanimously a recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed. The senate adopted the report.

Creation of a state department of agriculture under which would be con-

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"COME ON AND GET IT!"



—Donahay in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"POLISHED PEBBLES" IS WELL ATTENDED

The operetta, "Polished Pebbles" at the high school auditorium last Friday night was well attended and everyone was well pleased with the production which was well staged.

The musical numbers were hits, and shows that the introduction of music into the Stayton schools three years ago was not a mistake.

Over forty-five dollars was cleared by the entertainment, which will go to the gymnasium fund.

The next of the series will be "The Wigs of the Cabbage Patch," which will be held some time in February.

There is no doubt but that the school is going to more than make good on their gymnasium fund pledge. The boys have sold \$100.00 worth of wood, they are not tired yet.

Peter Deidrich is still selling Fords. He reports the following sales since last week's Mail: C. S. Bowne of West Stayton, F. A. Zimmerman, Fred Zitter and Alois Beitel, all of Sublimity.

OLD SETTLER PASSES MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Isaac C. Bates, one of the pioneers of Oregon, and a well respected citizen died at the home of his daughter in Lebanon, at which place he was visiting, on Monday of this week.

Mr. Bates was born in Gill, Mass. on May 1, 1835, and went with his parents to Illinois at the age of twelve years.

In that state he married Miss Lucy Smullen, who died about four years ago. In 1854 he came to Oregon, living a year in Oregon City, and then buying a ranch a mile south of Stayton, in Linn Co., where he lived until eight years ago, moving to Scio at that time.

Mr. Bates had not been feeling well for some time, and was on a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Emma Parrish at the time of his death. The funeral was held on Tuesday and interment was in a cemetery near that city.

His living children, all of whom were at the funeral are: Mrs. Emma Parrish of Lebanon, Mrs. Lilly Jeter of Stayton, Chas. Bates of Scio, Mrs. Minnie Nichols of Lebanon, Mrs. Alice Burton of Jordan and Dudley Bates of near Stayton.

CONSTRUCTIVE RAILROADING

"Constructive" is a favorite word of William Hanley's. When he says a thing is "constructive" he means it is building up instead of tearing down, building for the future and not a hand-to-mouth proposition.

"Constructive" railroading is that which builds up the country tributary to the railroad, figuring that the prosperity and welfare of the territory will bring traffic and business and prosperity to the railroad. There is more of this going on in the country than the people have any idea of. That is why railroads have industrial experts, colonizing agents, and agricultural experts in order to help the people of their territory. The work of the O-W. R. & N. in introducing corn into Oregon is an example of this constructive railroading, renting the O-W. R. & N. right of way to farmers who will farm it is another, and recently we ran across an article, telling of the recent action of the Southern Pacific in granting a low rate for hauling lime rock.

This is an important matter to the farmers of the Willamette Valley. The Southern Pacific granted the rate with the sole object of promoting the use of agricultural lime in the hope of increasing production. The railroads are to be commended for doing these "constructive" things.—LaGrande Observer.

PENCIL PUSHERS MET IN SALEM LAST FRIDAY

The State Editorial Association and the Willamette Valley Association met in Salem Friday, Jan. 19, in the Commercial Club rooms of that city.

After the morning session, which was presided over by Pres. E. E. Brodie of the Oregon City Daily Enterprise, the doors of the dining room were thrown open and a luncheon that could not be beaten anywhere was given the visiting editors by the Salem Commercial Club. Governor Withycomb attended as a specially invited guest.

After luncheon the pencil pushers held a short session and then went to the state house where they were busy as bees interviewing the members, and watching the two houses at work.

At 4:30 another session was called and reports received and a committee appointed to see if some relief could not be obtained from the shortage of paper.

A resolution of thanks was passed for the splendid entertainment and accommodations given the editors by the Salem Commercial Club. Those attending from Stayton were: E. M. Olmsted of the MAIL and E. B. Lockhart, who at one time was city editor of the Statesman.

Mrs. M. J. Queener left for Portland yesterday. From there she will accompany her daughter, Mrs. Jos. Korinek to Pendleton, where Mr. Korinek is at work.

So much has been written relative to the development of the motor car industry and so many prophecies have been ventured without proper consideration of vital and controlling factors, that a clear and simple analysis of the subject may serve to dissipate much of the unfounded conjecture.

The automobile market is divided into two broad fields. First the rural class, which includes all persons engaged in farming and others in various businesses who live in towns of less than five hundred population. Second, the urban class, which comprises all people in any but farming pursuits, who live in towns of five hundred or more population.

In the rural or farming market, there are 6,500,000 families. One million of these now own motor cars and one and one-half millions are poor, illiterate, or negroes, who for the purpose of this study may be excluded from the prospective buying class. There remain, then, 4,000,000 farm families who are possible automobile buyers.

In the urban class, covered by 11,000 towns and cities of more than five hundred population, there are about 5,000,000 home owners of which number only 2,000,000 now on cars. Accordingly, there remain 3,000,000 prospective buyers in this class, or a total actual un-sold market, in both rural and urban classes, of 7,000,000 possible automobile buyers.

The accepted average life of an automobile is about five years in the hands of the original owners; and as the man who once owns a car will not thereafter be without one, we must include the re-order market which in the calendar year of 1917 will be about 600,000, this being twenty per cent of the 3,000,000 now in use.

For the year 1917, therefore, the automobile business will face a market of about 7,600,000 possible buyers. Not more than 1,600,000 cars will be built in the coming year, leaving a possible excess market of 5,000,000 buyers at the beginning of 1918.

These figures are decidedly conservative because they take no consideration of (1) any export outlet, (2) the people who have or will have two or more machines, (3) increased population, (4) increased prosperity, (5) a million or more town and city families who do not own the homes in which they live, but are well able to buy and maintain a motor car, (6) the business houses, retail and wholesale merchants who use thousands of roadsters for salesmen, and many thousands more of delivery cars (regular automobile chassis with commercial body), (7) taxicabs and other cars for public hire.

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Special Values in - - - - MEN'S GOODS

Broken lines of our Fall Suits are now greatly reduced. These suits include many of the very best patterns and styles—Hart, Schaffner & Marx \$25.00 can be had at \$21.25, and when there is but one suit of a lot, \$19.85. Thirty Dollar Suits during this sale \$23.85. When you consider the increased prices on all woolen goods—and we will guarantee these all wool—you can readily see the splendid values we are offering.

Exceptional Values

In our Blanket Sale Many are surprised to see what they can buy during this sale. We are closing out the odd stock of our mills.

Men's Shoes

We might have just the shoes you want, and if you can get a \$5.00 pair for \$3.90 you will be making a big saving. Other shoes at \$3.30, Tans and Blacks.

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CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TONIGHT JAN 25.

The city council has been notified by the Mayor, of a special meeting to be held to-night, (Thursday) for the purpose of forming an ordinance to set aside the Town of Stayton as a separate road district. This step is being taken on the advice of the county court and all tax payers are invited to be present tonight to state their views. The object of the change is to get the road tax paid by Stayton spent in Stayton fixing our main streets.

STAYTON GRANGE MEETS SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

The meeting of the Stayton Grange last Saturday was a success in every way. The meeting was attended by W. H. Stephens, Master of Marion County Pomona Grange, and District Deputy, Mrs. Zella Fletcher, both of whom made good talks.

The regular grange dinner was served at noon, and all present report a good session.

REORGANIZES ARTISANS

J. S. Sword of Portland was here Monday night and reorganized the Artisan Lodge at this place.

Mrs. J. P. Wilbur was chosen as Master Artisan. The lodge expects to meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning on Feb. 6, in the I. O. O. F. hall.

J. P. Davie of Stayton and E. C. Baker of Turner were presented with Veteran Jewels, Saturday night in recognition of belonging to the I. O. O. F. lodge for 25 years. Past Grand Master, W. H. Hobson, presented the jewels.

NOTICE

Owing to the fact that the demand for Cars has been so great that, we cannot insure delivery of either

Ford or Dodge Cars

unless the order is signed up for spring delivery. Come in and get your order at once and be sure of your car.

Prices Guarantee Against a Decline Before Aug. 1st, 1917

Peter Deidrich,

Stayton Oregon