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## REVIEW OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Only 29 Unimportant Bills Have Been Passed in the First Session of the Year.

**Dry Bill Ready for Passage**—Two Consolidation Bills Considered—Finance Causes Worry—Would Revise Insurance Laws—Work on New Highway Code Begins—Report on State Institutions—Woman in Speaker's Chair—Another Sunday Closing Bill.

**Salem.**—The legislature assembled Monday for the last half of the session with practically all the big measures still awaiting final action at the hands of one or both houses. Most of the work of the third week of the session was confined to whipping proposed legislation into shape by the committees. Both houses must turn in and do some real hard work this week if they wish to keep the legislative wheels from being clogged. Doubtless this week will witness a considerable flow of oratory, for some of the important bills are liable to meet with spirited opposition.

When the first half of the session closed with adjournment last Friday 531 bills had been introduced, 348 in the house and 183 in the senate. Only 16 unimportant bills had been passed by both houses and received the signature of the governor and thirteen other bills had passed both houses and awaited action by the governor, so that out of the 531 bills introduced only 29 passed both houses.

**Dry Bill Made Special Order.**

The Anderson bill designed to make effective the "bone dry" amendment came back from the joint alcoholic committee and was made a special order of business in the house Monday morning. This is one of the measures that most of the members seem to have taken for granted and there was only a handful of members against it in the house. The promised fight on the emergency clause did not materialize and as no opposition to the "bone dry" amendment has developed in the senate the law will be in the hands of the governor the latter part of this week.

The committee on alcoholic traffic submitted a favorable report with a number of more or less important amendments. Probably the most im-

portant amendment provides for the manufacture of denatured alcohol in the state.

Physicians will have the right to sell one quart of alcohol to any one person, for medicinal purposes, in any four-week period. The original bill, before amended, permitted the sale of two quarts.

Another amendment will permit dentists to obtain alcohol for their professional work.

Some relief has been provided to the express companies handling liquor shipments under the present law. They will have five days after the governor signs the act to complete deliveries of shipments on hand or in transit. After that all undelivered liquor will have to be sent out of the state.

**May Agree on Consolidation Program.**

After considerable bickering between the two houses, the two consolidation committees have agreed to co-operate on a program and it seems likely something may be accomplished in the way of consolidation or abolishment of certain state boards or commissions, although there is such a diversity of opinion on this question that considerable wrangling is apt to occur.

The committee has under consideration two consolidation bills. One would consolidate the industrial welfare commission, the child labor commission and the labor commissioner with the state industrial commission. It would make the labor commissioner an industrial commissioner, provides for a second commissioner to be appointed by the governor and a physician who is to sit with the commissioners in awarding claims.

The other bill provides for the abolition of the state tax commission and its consolidation with the public service commission or board of control.

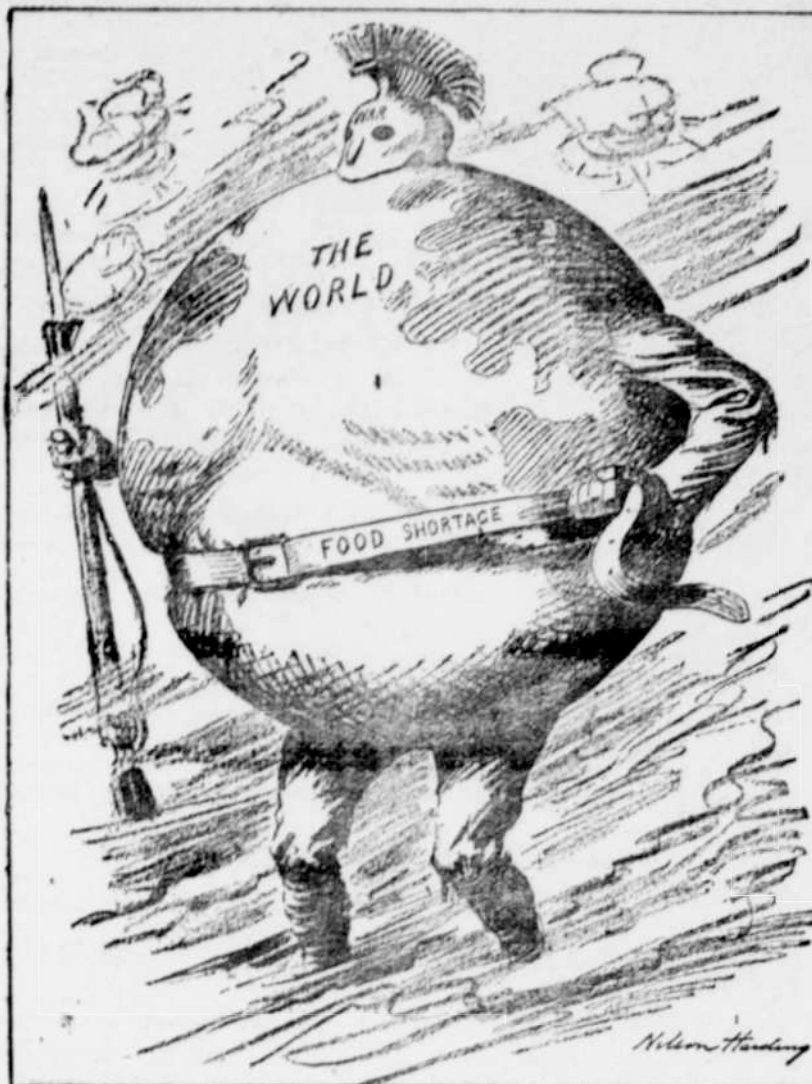
**Financial Problems Knotty.**

The joint ways and means committee are still struggling with the financial problems and the members are uncertain just what will be the result of their labors. One of the knotty problems which bobs up to bother them is the matter of continuing appropriations, and the task of keeping within the 6 per cent constitutional limitation will require some expert accounting.

A bill passed in 1915 was designed to do away with these continuing and annual appropriations and it was thought they would be eliminated, but the present joint ways and means committee discovered early in their

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## TIGHTENING THE BELT.



—Nelson Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

## JACK WALTEMEYER IS PLANNING SERIES OF HIGH-CLASS PICTURES

In an interview with Mr. Jack Waltemeyer yesterday, he stated to a Mail representative that he was planning a series of the best picture shows for the coming weeks of spring that are possible to procure in filmdom.

These programs are of the real high-class kind and are produced in the best studios in the country.

The first one to arrive will be a "Mary Pickford" program "Tess of the Storm Country" followed by a two reel Chaplin comedy, seven reels in all, and will arrive some time next week.

The next specialty will be "Eagle Wings" a real Bluebird program, featuring Herbert Rawlins in a great preparedness picture, located on the

Mexican border, and is second to none in interest and action. It will arrive February 21. Look for posters.

"The Spoilers" a 12 reel program of Rex Beach's Alaskan book, featuring Dustin Farnum, will be the next great picture, and needs no introduction to the public. If you miss this, you will miss one of the greatest pictures ever thrown on a screen. It will arrive March 17. Full details later.

These will be followed at intervals of about two weeks by "The Ne'er Do Well," a nine reel Rex Beach program featuring Catherine Williams, and "Neptune's Daughter," the most complete and entrancing sea film ever staged, featuring Miss Annette Kellerman, the celebrated swimmer, and the most perfect woman in the world.

Necessarily these programs come much higher than the regular run, and Mr. Waltemeyer is to be given much credit for the planning of this program for the coming months. The prices for each of these specials will be: children under 12, 10 cents, adults 25 cents. Remember that these programs are the very BEST that can be secured, and that the cost to Mr. Waltemeyer is much greater than the ordinary run of pictures. Watch for these announcements as they may appear from time to time.

## SUBLIMITY DRAMATIC CLUB WILL SHOW FEB. 9

"The Cerebral Liar" is the title of this big 3 act Farce-Comedy by the Sublimity Dramatic Club, and they will give you the best there is. The play will be staged at the C. F. hall in Sublimity, Friday, Feb. 9 and YOU are expected to be there. The play will be accompanied by Wesley's six-piece orchestra that will enliven the odd moments while the curtain is down. Doors open at 7:30 p. m.

Full cast and ad will be found on last page of this week's Mail.

## COMPLIANYO CLUB MET LAST FRIDAY

Mrs. C. H. Brewer entertained the Compliany Club last Friday in her beautiful home on Third Street, and a pleasant time was had in informal conversation, fancy work, and a dainty luncheon served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be in February with Mrs. Alva Smith, who will entertain at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. W. Elder in this city.

C. E. Hoppler of Peoria, Ill. is visiting his cousin, B. A. Schaefer, of this city. Mr. Hoppler will probably stay the balance of the winter.

## GET BUSY AT ONCE

The dispatches say President Wilson asked early passage of workable legislation permitting development of western waterpowers on public land.

Theorists and vote hunting politicians have held up such legislation for years on the false cry of "conservation."

It is rank waste to allow a stream to run unused to the ocean and call it "conservation" of resources.

Just legislation has long been before Congress, properly safeguarding the public's right in these waterpowers and preventing monopoly in any one hand.

The time is here to do something definite.

If steps are not taken to make it possible for private capital to develop our own waterpowers, we will see our money pouring in a gold stream into development of similar undertakings in foreign countries.

Our shipping industry is in the same situation. Our own laws offer no inducement to American capital to develop overseas shipping. Unless this is changed, the American flag will be a minus quantity on the seas after the war is over.

Our law makers should take advantage of present opportunities at once and pass legislation to encourage these great industries.

## QUICK RESULTS ARE OBTAINED

Advertising sometimes produces quick results. A pertinent illustration is a classified ad that appeared in last Thursday's Mail in which L. A. Messing offered a phonograph and records for \$25. P. T. Etzel was in town the next day and closed the deal with Mr. Messing in 15 minutes.

Be sure and look over the Mail's list every week. You will find new ones each time. For instance, C. J. Ruettgers has some fresh cows for sale. F. A. Doerfler offers a pure bred registered sow, etc. Use the Mail columns for your "Wants" and "For Sales."

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETS

The members of the Christian Endeavor to the number of 45, met at the Wirth home in the west part of town last Friday night and enjoyed themselves playing games, etc., after their business session. Refreshments were served before the crowd started for their homes. An enjoyable time is reported by those present.

## THOSE BONUSES

There has been some criticism of Christmas bonuses, on the ground that the money ought to be paid to employees as duly earned wages rather than as a gift. But it doesn't matter so much what name the payment is called by. The main thing is to get it. If the amazing prosperity that has occasioned the bonuses continues, they will doubtless be translated into increased wages and salaries. If the prosperity wanes, there will be neither bonuses nor raises.

Meanwhile American corporations should receive credit for the biggest display of generosity they have ever made.

## CITY COUNCIL HAS PASSED A NEW ORDINANCE

### WILL BRING IN A PART OF GENERAL ROAD LEVY

The city council at their special meeting last Thursday night passed an ordinance declaring the incorporate limits of Stayton a separate road district.

Mayor Beauchamp, in a clear and concise statement showed that the action was necessary if Stayton was to receive any of the road tax this year. He said, "The County Judge positively refuses to let Stayton have a cent of the 4 mills general road levy for the use of their bridges and streets unless some action is taken similar to every other town the size of Stayton in Marion Co., which gets a part of their road tax. He further stated that Jude Bushey would set aside this tax if an ordinance was passed declaring Stayton to be a road district, and that in his judgment this was necessary as the bridge at the laundry would have to be rebuilt this summer and that there was not a cent otherwise available. This bridge will cost from 500 to 700 dollars, and Stayton's part of the general 4 mill road levy will bring in about \$1400.

Questions from the councilmen, who were all present brought out the fact that it was not known whether this would affect the special road levy, but an interview with the county court the next day disclosed the fact that as the special levy was prepared under a budget, the same would go according to the budget which will all be spent outside the incorporate limits of the city.

Reports have been circulated in various ways concerning this move, cursing the mayor and council for the action taken, but it was simply a cold business proposition, that Stayton would have to have some road money this year and could not get it otherwise. It is estimated by Mr. Keech, who has been deputy assessor for three years, and one of the road committee for a part of the time, that over \$13000 in road taxes has been paid by the city of Stayton and not over \$2000 of that amount has been spent on the main streets of the town, the balance going to help build up the excellent roads in the outside part of road district 32. "Surely" said Mr. Keech, "no one can object to Stayton obtaining a part of its own road money when so much help has been given to the outside." Besides this amount in taxes, over \$1000 has been subscribed by the citizens of Stayton to the roads leading to the city.

## LEASES HOTEL

Alex Downing of Mill City, and J. M. Downing of this city, have leased the Commercial Hotel here and expect to take complete charge in about a week.

They are experienced hotel people and no doubt will do well in their new location.

## Special Prices on Men's Goods

### Overcoat Special

We are offering our entire stock of Fancy Winter Overcoats at a great sacrifice. We use this forceful method of closing out every fancy coat, thereby enabling us to show complete new lines next season. We are now offering:

\$15.00 Coats for	\$12.50
\$20.00 Coats for	\$14.85
\$25.00 Coats for	\$18.75

These coats are all fancy fabrics, full weight; they are also cravenetted, which makes them dependable coats for all kinds of weather.

### Suit Special

We have taken several lots of suits and marked them at prices that will enable every man to secure worthy clothing in good seasonable weights and latest styles at savings that are nothing short of extraordinary in view of market conditions as they effect this merchandise. Take your pick from any of these lots.

\$30.00 Suits now	\$23.85
\$25.00 Suits now	\$19.85
\$20.00 Suits now	\$15.85
\$12.00 Suits now	\$10.85

Included are such famous makes as Hart Schaffner & Marx, Michaels-Stern & Co., and Bishop's Ready Tailored Clothes.

These are odds and ends and broken lines of suits taken from our regular stock of fancy garments. Every suit carries the BISHOP label, a guarantee of satisfaction to the purchaser. Whatever your age, taste or size, whatever you wish to pay—here is a chance to acquire a new suit at a most substantial price concession.

SALEM  
WOOLEN MILLS  
STORE

SALEM, : : OREGON

## WE ARE NOT QUOTING PRICES

In this ad, but we assure you that in our 14 years business career in Stayton that all our customers realize this—We own our stock paid up in full, at prices way less than we could replace at the present time, and we give you the benefit, consequently your money will buy more here than it would from some one who had to replace his stock at the new prices.

Give Us A Chance. Call at Our Store FOR PRICES

We have great faith in Stayton and have invested every dollar we possess in this community. Neighbor to Neighbor. Live and let live.

Yours For More Business

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