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LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Irrigation Code Enacted.

The irrigation district code passed the senate with a few minor amendments in which the house immediately concurred. This new code is one of the big pieces of legislation which the legislature was called upon to enact, and its sponsors claim that its enactment will mean the investment of millions of dollars in irrigation works and the reclamation of hundreds of thousands of acres of arid lands in eastern and central Oregon.

The code follows in most respects the existing law in reference to the organization and general management of the district, and the principal changes have been made in connection with those sections relating to the security and sale of bonds.

Appropriations Within Legal Limit.

The 6 per cent tax limitation amendment has been observed by the ways and means committees of the legislature, and the paring down of budgets and demands of various kinds has brought the total to be appropriated down to \$6,289,408.43. This is well within the limit, leaving a \$20,937.39 balance, which will be taken up by the appropriation for miscellaneous measures. There is on hand in the state treasury \$200,000 from unexpected balances appropriated two years ago which now has reverted to the general fund. This amount, the committee decided, will not be appropriated at this session, and will be available when the emergency board is called upon to assist in helping out where shortages occur in the next two years.

Senate Confirms Mullit and Gore.

The senate ratified Governor Withycombe's appointment of W. H. Gore, of Medford, and L. L. Mullit, of Portland, as members of the board of regents of the University of Oregon. Mr. Gore succeeds Roy Goodrich, deceased, and Mr. Mullit succeeds Collector of Customs M. A. Miller.

The senate also ratified the governor's appointment of Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, and W. C. Bryant, of Moro, as members of the board of regents of the Oregon normal school. Both are reappointments.

Delinquent Tax Bill Passed.

The Forbes amendments to the delinquent tax list bill were adopted. Under the bill as amended the formal notice of delinquency will be mailed 90 days after the tax becomes delinquent, and 30 days later all unpaid taxes will be advertised in the papers. In Multnomah county two papers are to receive the advertising on showing of a circulation of at least 10,000, and in outside counties the county courts are to select the papers.

Publishers of newspapers throughout the state have been attending the session and co-operating with Forbes and his committee in the effort to get the law changed. They were as eager as any member of the legislature to get enactments that would save money for the counties yet give due publicity to delinquencies.

Land Grant Tax up to People.

Every voter in Oregon will have a chance to express an opinion on the merits of Representative Bean's land grant bill, which passed both houses.

As amended by the senate the bill is automatically referred to the people for their approval or rejection at the general election in November next year.

The bill does not affect in any particular the status of the pending legislation between the federal government and the Southern Pacific railroad over the title and ownership of the Oregon & California grant lands. It merely asserts the sovereign right of this state of Oregon for ever to tax the lands, regardless of who owns them.

Boys Prohibited to Use Cigarettes.

Without one dissenting vote, the Sweeney-Brand anti-cigarette bill for minors passed the senate. It was adopted without amendment from the form in which it came from the house.

The Sweeney-Brand law is even more drastic than the original Sweeney bill in safeguarding against the use of cigarettes by minors. It makes no attempt, however, as did the original bill, to prohibit the use of cigarettes by grown men.

Heavy Penalties are Provided in the Law against any Person who Sells or Gives away any Cigarettes to Minors.

Legislative Brevities. Senator Cusick's bill repealing the law requiring a health certificate from male applicants for marriage licenses was defeated in the house.

After a brief skirmish, the house defeated the resolution proposing a change to the initiative law that would have required eight per cent of signatures in a majority of the counties.

The house passed the insurance code with only seven negative votes. It already had passed the senate. It codifies all the insurance laws of the state.

The drastic sterilization bill, passed by the house, and a bill putting up to the people the problem of whether the state shall support delinquent, dependent and defective children cared for by private institutions also passed the senate.

The house passed Representative Eaton's bill increasing the inheritance

TRUTH.

Cherish the truth. Truth is always consistent with itself and needs nothing to help it out. It is always upon our lips and is ready to drop out before we are aware. A lie is troublesome and sets a man's invention upon the rack, and one trick needs a great many more to make it good.

Why He Disagreed.

At the close of a lecture which George Bernard Shaw delivered on "Socialism" the lecturer announced that he would be glad to answer any questions that any member of the audience might care to put to him.

A man rose in the middle of the hall. "I should just like to ask you one thing, Mr. Shaw," he said. "Don't you think that those huge incomes one hears of are all wrong? Don't you think that there should be a law passed to prevent any man having more than a thousand a year?" "Certainly not!" Mr. Shaw exclaimed promptly. "Why, I make more than a thousand a year myself."

Blotting Paper Like a Swamp.

In describing how blotting paper absorbs ink Popular Science Monthly says: Under the microscope blotting paper when absorbing ink resembles, on a small scale, a marsh matted with shrubs, sticks and twigs, round which water is flowing. So the ink runs about among the fibers that together form the spongy paper.

There is a limit to the amount of liquid that a blotter will absorb, as there is a limit to the amount of water that a marsh will absorb before it overflows. The limit in the blotter is the combined capillary attraction of the fibrous shreds, sticks and twigs that together form the paper.

A Funny Chase.

Lord Orford, an eccentric English nobleman, once had a team of red deer stags that he frequently drove to a light coach. All went well until one day there happened to be a pack of staghounds on the road from London to Brighton, along which Lord Orford's picturesque team was merrily feeding. There followed the strangest chase that ever mortal man witnessed. The hounds hunted the team and its owner hard to Newmarket, and with such a smash into the Ram inn yard the whole lot went that there was no more coach left and little more of driver. Lord Orford took to horses after that.—London Mail.

The Line of Life.

The line of life curves from the side of the hand between the thumb and forefinger around the base of the thumb to the center of the wrist joint. According to chiromancy (the pretended art of judging the character and foretelling the fortune of a person from the aspect of the hand), if this line in the left palm is regular and deeply colored it predicts a long and happy life; tortuous, colorless, feebly marked and broken it announces ill health and short life; narrow, but long and well colored, it indicates wisdom and ingenuity; broad and pale it is a sign of folly; deep and unequally colored it denotes malice.

Korea and Chosen.

Chosen is the oldest name for Korea and is Chinese in derivation. The history of the name of the country is briefly as follows: From about 960 A. D. the name of the country was Kori or Koryu. In 1392, when the last dynasty was founded, a still older name, Chosen or Choson (Chinese Chao-sien, morning freshness or morning calm) was revived. In 1897 the kingdom was called Dalhan by the Koreans, but it became officially Chosen in 1910 when it was annexed to Japan.

Clever Footwork.

The harp soloist was in the middle of a brilliant solo, a pastoral which called for some very clever work with the pedals used to create chromatic changes in the scales. This manipulation of the pedals, as usual, attracted the attention of many in the audience, old and young.

Suddenly a youngster became so much interested in the changing of the pedals that he burst out: "Look, look, dad! She's shifted gears twice already and now she's on the high."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Proving the Adage.

"Is ignorance ever bliss, professor?" "Yes, I really think it is. Now, take my case. I worry about germs continually. Those people must be happy who know nothing about the germ theory."—Pittsburgh Post.

Tax Rates.

Among the important bills passed in the senate were the house measure doubling automobile licenses so as to provide a fund to match the Shackelford federal road fund, and the Beak-Barrett bill authorizing issuance of bonds up to \$1,800,000 necessary to match any portion of the federal fund not otherwise provided for.

One of the bills passed tightens up the bone-dry prohibition law. It requires peace officers having "reasonable information" that liquor is being transported in any vehicle except a railroad car, shall search it and seize any contraband liquor found. This bill already has passed the house.

Blossom Time in The Golden State

A friend just back from Southern California says: "The weather was fine, in fact too warm for heavy clothes. Many were bathing at the beaches. Oranges were ripe in the valleys, while the mountains nearby were covered with snow."

With warm sunny weather it will not be long before the blossoms on the trees will be everywhere announcing that spring time is here.

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The Olympian Jupiter.

The celebrated statue, the Olympian Jupiter, the masterpiece of Phidias, the greatest of all sculptors, was removed to Constantinople by Theodosius I. in which place it was destroyed by fire in the year 475. In this his greatest work the artist sought to embody the idea of majesty and repose and from all accounts succeeded perfectly. The famous statue was in a sitting position, forty feet high, on a pedestal of twenty, and was made of ivory and gold. So famous was it that it was considered a calamity to die without seeing it. The statue served as a model for all subsequent representations of majesty and power in repose among the ancients.

Told Him the Difference.

When the archbishop of Canterbury was a curate he conducted a Sunday school class.

The subject was King Solomon, and after the lesson he enticed the children.

"Tell me, boys," he said, "what was the difference between Solomon and other men?"

"There was no difference."

"Come, come," said the future primate. "Was there any difference, for instance, between King Solomon and myself?"

A small hand went up and a tiny voice replied:

"Please, Mr. Solomon was wise."

How They Live in Amsterdam.

Housing conditions in Amsterdam among the wealthy are peculiar. Very frequently men of large business affairs have their residences in their offices and warehouse buildings. The upper floors are elegantly fitted up, while the lower floors are occupied as office quarters, or the lower floors are used for residential purposes and the upper floors are warehouses. These homes front on the canals. Household furnishings, merchandise, etc., are hoisted to the upper stories by block and tackle. An ingenious mirror arrangement in the windows furnishes persons who live above the first floor a view of the street and of any one ringing the doorbell.

Negotiable Instrument.

"What are you studying there?"

"Law."

"Dry, ain't it?"

"Not when you like it. Just now I am learning all about negotiable instruments."

"I dunno much about law," said his roommate, "but I do know you are offered mighty little when you try to sell a mandolin."—Pittsburgh Post.

Artificial Eyes.

The earliest notice of artificial eyes occurs in a very rare work by the French surgeon Ambroise Pare, entitled "La Methode Curative des Playes et Fractures de la Teste Humaine," Paris, 1561. Pare gives a description and figures of artificial eyes to be worn in cases where the eyeball has given way and all the humors have escaped. They are to be segments of a hollow sphere, made of gold, coated with enamel painted in natural colors. With the exception of the gold they are exactly like the artificial eyes that are in use at the present time, which are made wholly of glass.—London Spectator.

The Origin of Carrier Pigeons.

The origin of the use of the carrier pigeon is lost in obscurity, but the first people of whom we have any record of employing it are the Greeks. By them it was used with great success, and the knowledge they had acquired they imparted to the Romans, who first used it as a message bearer about 120 years before the Christian era. About 500 years ago pigeons formed part of a telegraphic system adopted by the Turks, who erected high towers thirty or forty miles apart. They were provided with pigeons, and sentinels stood constantly ready to secure the messages as the birds arrived.—London Standard.

Hard Hearted.

"Why did you abandon your plan to become a doctor?" asked the motorist.

"I can't bear to see other people suffer," answered the garage man.

"Umph! I guess it's all in the point of view."

"How is that?"

"I notice you didn't shed any tears when you presented me with this bill for repairs."—Exchange.

We're All Actors.

Mme. Alexandra Viarda, the Polish tragedienne, once propounded the following:

"It is a strange thing, but ask a man to mend a rip in his coat.

"No; he is not a tailor.

"Ask another to stop the faucet from leaking.

"No; he's not a plumber.

"Or another to do a bit of cabinet work.

"No; he is not a carpenter.

"But ask any one of the three or all of them to enact a little part in a play and each will smile in fatuous confidence and instantly acquiesce.

"But watch him act!"