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## PURITY LEGISLATION SESSION

### U'Ren Says Members Were Good Boys.

### BRIBERY NOT VISIBLE

### Members Worked Hard and Were Conscientious in Efforts to Enact Good Laws.

W. S. U'Ren, who has been in attendance on the session of the legislature just closed, has a somewhat different opinion about the results accomplished by that body than the one that is generally expressed. He thinks the legislature was a good one in fact one of the best that has ever met in the state. In the following interview he gives his ideas as to the results accomplished:

"The contrast between a legislature nominated and elected by the people and one created by political bosses could not be more clearly expressed than by the difference between the opinions of our legislators expressed by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Sleeth in the Evening Telegram last Monday, and the following editorial from the Daily Oregonian of February 24, 1895. This was immediately after the adjournment of the legislature in that year, and the Oregonian said:

"The people of Oregon are to be congratulated in the fact that when they wake this morning there will be no fool legislature in session in their state. And it is Sunday, too. The people can go to church and sing: 'Believing, we rejoice to say the curse removed.'"

"The combination of bandits, pirates and highwaymen who have held up the legislature during forty days is gone. Such a gang never can by any possibility be assembled again. There is relief in the fact that the devil can but seldom do his dirty best, and after he makes a supreme effort he must always have a rest."

"No one has yet accused our recent legislature of anything worse than errors of judgment. After the battle is over our governor thinks the members were cowardly because they did not reform the normal school trouble and reform the state printing law. As to the latter, I think he is wrong. I believe no member of that body had sufficient knowledge of the subject to make him feel safe in advocating any change as an effective remedy. I know that was the case with the members with whom I talked, and because

Mr. Duniway showed a disposition to perform his campaign promises they thought it better to lay this question over for further study.

### Good Morals Among Legislators.

"Except for one half of the members of the senate the members of this legislature were all nominated as well as elected by the people. The record of this legislature is as unparalleled in many respects as the manner of its creation. It ratified the choice of the people by formally electing two United States senators in twenty minutes without booze or booze, not even a cigar, as our members said. I was present during nearly all of the forty days' session, and never once heard a rumor or a hint that any member had sold his vote or been offered money or money's worth for it. I did not see any member under the influence of liquor. I did not see a dissolute looking woman in the capital nor hear of a woman of loose character among the lady clerks and found on either side of the Board of Trade irrigation bill as well as of other important measures.

"Some criticism is offered because the senate killed the bill to compel Elijah Smith to sell his southern Oregon land grant at \$2.50 an acre. Yet no one is accused of voting on the question for money. Some one sent Mr. Smith to me to inquire about the referendum, which was new to him. The old boy is a shrewd inquisitor and after about ten minutes cross examination he said if these men, referring to the legislature, did not give him a square deal, he would get a referendum petition to the people. He said that he could make that campaign for \$5000 and he had no fear that the people would rob him. The same feeling was expressed in other quarters.

The defeat of the state commission tax bill may have been a mistake, and I think the defeat of Mr. Beal's timber tax bill was another. But of they were mistakes I believe they were honest.

### Appropriations Admittedly High.

It is true that the appropriations are very high as compared with previous years. But even then, the members generally believe they were right and necessary, with the exception of bills amounting to perhaps one hundred and fifty thousand dollars which were carried through by swaps and trades.

"The members were not predisposed in favor of extending the power of the people by adding the recall to the constitution. The majority rejected bills to limit candidates' expenses and make it possible for a poor man to aspire to office on equal terms with the rich man. But I think this was not because the majority was opposed to the principle, but because they had not time to study the details of the measures. Neither was the majority willing to submit an amendment to the constitution making it possible for all parties to be generally represented in the legislature in proportion to their votes among the people, but this may have been because they did not understand the principle in detail.

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## SEE! THE CONQUERING HERO COMES.



most of the time at the last eight sessions of the Oregon legislature and have seen some other legislative bodies, but I could not make one of these statements as to any other legislative body I have seen.

### Hard Workers.

"It was the hardest working body of men I have known. I am personally acquainted with many of the members, and not one of them works so hard in his own business for dollars as they worked in Salem for the state and paid for their own board and clothes, because almost without exception their campaigns cost more than the amount they received from the state. Except possibly a half dozen of the younger members, they seemed to realize their individual responsibility for legislation in much greater degree than is usually the case.

"There is ample room for difference of opinion as to some of the anti-corruption measures that were defeated. Men whose sincerity and integrity have never been doubted might be 'On the whole in my opinion it was the best legislative body I have seen and contrast very favorably with those still in session in Washington and California.

### Some Grafters Present.

"Yet there were grafters among the members who opposed these and other measures on grafting principles, and were honest because they had no chance to sell their votes or steal. Oswald West asked one member, 'Well, how are you making it?' The answer was, 'O, hell! It makes me tired. I haven't made enough to pay for my meals. It reminds me of a commissioner's court. If the referendum years we might as well all stay at home.' I have quoted his answer al-

most exactly as he gave it to Mr. West.

### Defects in System Apparent.

"Some defects in our system of law-making were glaringly apparent. During the last week or ten days this was especially true of trading and swapping votes, and there was hardly an important measure during that time that was not affected by normal school, portage railroad, Portland gas franchises and irrigation bills. The method of selecting presiding officers created more or less trouble all through the session. The haste and hurry and overwork of the last fifteen days of the session is sure to produce some bad results. The man who can devise a practical remedy for these evils of the system, and convince the people that it is worthy of trial, will deserve well of the state. But the members are not to blame for the faults in the system.

"When the whole record of the legislature is considered, I believe our people will find that this legislature has done more good work and enacted less foolish or vicious legislation than any preceding legislature; and also that its record will compare more favorably in every respect with the record of any legislative body in the United States.

## DIES FROM DRINK.

### Jack Christensen Cannot Get Over the Craving and Dies After Fight Against Appetite.

The last chapter in a sad life story was written Tuesday when Jack Christensen died in a rooming house on Main street. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure, induced by alcoholism. He leaves a wife at his home in Clackamas Heights, and a little boy two years old. His parents live in Boise, Idaho. Christensen was well known here, and generally liked when he kept away from liquor, but when once started to drinking nothing could stop him till he had his spree out. He had been on one of these sprees for the past few weeks, and not long ago figured in a sensational incident on the main street. When his father-in-law and sister-in-law tried to induce him to return to his home. Since that time it is said that he had not drunk so much, and seemed trying to sober up. His unfortunate craving for liquor, however, would not let him leave it alone, and Monday night he developed a case of delirium tremens. Tuesday he seemed some better, and was even heard to sing to himself only a few minutes before he was found dead. About half past four he was found lying across the bed in his room, with the life gone from his body.

Coroner Holman was summoned, and removed the body to his undertaking rooms. It was decided that an inquest or a post mortem were not necessary, for the death was due plainly to drink. The funeral will be held Friday from Holman's undertaking rooms.

## DEPUTY SCHUEBEL RESIGNS.

### Will Devote Time to Private Practice—Hints Something Better in Store.

Deputy District Attorney C. Schuebel made a trip to Portland last Friday afternoon for the purpose of placing in the hands of Prosecutor Allen his resignation from the position of deputy, to take effect on the first of March.

Mr. Schuebel has had this step in mind for some time, for the increasing demands of his private law practice have made the employment of his time more profitable in this way than in the duties of deputy district attorney, and he has felt that he was not fair to himself to limit his abilities to the routine of the business of this office.

It is hinted that Mr. Schuebel is slated for something higher up than the office of deputy as soon as there is a chance for the appointment of one or two to the position which it is said is waiting for him. His rise in the political world has been rapid, and his friends will rejoice with him when his advancement comes. Meanwhile he will retire to private life and devote his time to the practice of law. It cannot be said who will be his successor in the office of deputy.

## Judge McBride Better.

Judge T. A. McBride, of the Clackamas circuit, was able to be out on Saturday for the first time in six weeks. He has been suffering from a prolonged attack of the grip, and had a serious relapse three weeks ago. He is now thought to be permanently on the mend, however, and left Monday for Astoria, where he will hold court.

## GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

### Discussed by the Parkplace Grange at Its Regular Meeting.

Abernethy grange of Parkplace met in regular session at the grange hall Saturday, February 23rd. The morning session was devoted to the regular business of the order, after which two candidates were initiated and one application filed. After this all sat down to a sumptuous dinner that has been prepared by the women. A social hour was spent in the auditorium before the afternoon's work was taken up.

At 1:20 the lecture hour was opened with "Tenting On the Old Camp Ground," sung by the entire grange. The author for the afternoon was "Mark Twain," and several anecdotes connected with the author were enjoyed. Miss Lulu Rittenhouse and Mrs. Ida Kent gave humorous readings from his writings. Worthy Master O. L. Clyde gave a short talk, which was followed by Mrs. W. T. Brayton, who read a paper on "The City of Baltimore." This was very instructive.

The subject for discussion was "Shall the Government Own Railroads?" Captain J. T. Apperson, O. A. Cheney, D. K. Bill, E. P. Carter and O. L. Clyde each spoke on the subject.

Mrs. Minnie A. Ingram, Worthy Lecturer of the Abernethy grange, read "The Babies," by Mark Twain, after which a business meeting was held when \$75 was devoted by the grange to be applied to the building fund. The question of organizing a "Women's Work Club" similar to that organized by the Milwaukie grange, and which is accomplishing much work at that place was also taken up. The women of Abernethy grange met on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the grange hall, where the organization took place and officers were elected.

"The Women's Work Club" is a new department of grange work, and is organized to aid the grange financially, and the women of the grange will be prepared to take in sewing and are already planning a series of entertainments. Much aid is expected from the women in this work.

The next meeting of the Abernethy grange will be held on the evening of March 9th, and the subject for discussion at that meeting will be "Shall We Abolish the Poll Tax?" On March 11th State Master Austin T. Buxton will visit this grange, and a musical and literary program is being prepared for the occasion. The program for March 9th will include an essay by J. W. Clyde on Harriet Beecher Stowe and Her Literary Works; a paper, "Some Famous Negroes," by Captain Apperson; selected

readings from Mrs. Stowe Works; a discussion, "Shall We Abolish the Poll Tax?" and a reading or recitation from Paul Laurence Dunbar.

### NEW HALL TO BE OPENED.

Milwaukie Grange to Move Into Its New Home March 9.

Milwaukie grange will publicly hold "open house" to the friends of the order and the public generally March 16th to which all grange members are invited, will be at ten a. m. At two p. m. will be held the services at which the hall will be opened to the public. Everyone is urged to attend. There will be special music, state officers and local talent all contributing to make this a day long to be remembered in grange circles.

The evening will be in charge of the young people. Milwaukie band will furnish music for dancing. An admission fee will be charged for gentlemen only, who are not members of the order. It is expected that several state officers will be present as well as all Pomona officers.

Worthy master of Oregon State Grange Austin F. Buxton of Forest Grove will inspect Milwaukie grange Monday evening, March 18th, at eight p. m., and a special meeting will be called for that purpose.

### Women's Work Club Organized.

The women of Abernethy Grange, met Monday afternoon at the Grange hall at Parkplace where they organized a "Women's Work Club." The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. C. Rivers; vice-president, Mrs. C. E. DeFord; secretary, Mrs. W. T. Brayton; treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Butts. A committee was also appointed to draw up by-laws for the club, and the following were appointed to serve on this committee: Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. F. J. Jones. The "Women's Work Club" will meet Friday morning at the grange hall at 10 o'clock, where the day will be spent in quilting. At noon a hot dinner will be served.

### NO SENSATION RESULTED.

### Story of Finding of Pool of Blood Amounts to Nothing.

The sensational propensities of a local daily received a set-back this week. On Monday appeared an article telling of the finding of a pool of blood below Gladstone, and dark and devious mysteries were hinted at. All that resulted was an expense of \$10 to the county. A chemical examination of the blood was made by Drs. Carl and Meissner and they stated that the blood was undoubtedly that of some domestic animal.

### Mrs. Fletcher Dies.

Word was received last week that Mrs. Fletcher, an old resident of this city and a sister of George Broughton, had died at her home in Auburn, Wash. The body was brought here, and the funeral was held Sunday at the Methodist church.

## CO-OPERATIVE STORE STARTS

### John F. Clark Files Articles of Incorporation

### STOCK OVER-SUBSCRIBED

### Mill Men and Farmers Take Much Interest in New Venture—Organization Perfected Soon.

Articles of incorporation for the proposed co-operative grocery store were filed late Wednesday afternoon with the county clerk by John F. Clark, the president of the temporary organization. The incorporators are named as Charles J. Buchanan, W. H. Smith, George Frey, W. A. Long, and W. O. McKillian, and the incorporation is to be known as the Rochdale Co-operative company.

The objects of the company, as stated in the articles, are to carry on a general merchandising and shipping business, to buy and sell on commission or otherwise, and to engage in business in a general way. There is also a clause permitting them to engage in the real estate business to the extent of owning or conveying real and personal property.

The purposes of the organization are set forth in the clause relating to the division of the profits. The articles state that the division of the net profits shall be made according to the amount which the purchases made by each member bear to the total amount of the sales made to the members, after paying a percentage on the membership stock. The amount of the capital stock is placed at \$5000, to be divided into 1000 shares of \$5 each.

An afternoon and an evening meeting will be held on March 9, at which all stockholders are requested to be present. At these meetings the permanent organization will be effected, and a board of directors as well as the permanent officers will be elected.

John F. Clark, the temporary president, announced this afternoon that the stock had been already over-subscribed, and that it would be necessary to file supplementary articles of incorporation increasing the capital stock.

As yet no site has been decided upon for the new store, and nothing definite has been done toward getting a stock of goods. At first a grocery stock alone will be carried, but if the business comes up to the expectations of those interested, the policy of the organization will gradually be extended until a full line of general merchandise is kept for sale. J. A. McGlashan, a former groceryman of this city, has been chosen temporary manager, and will probably be given control of the business policy of the venture.

## IS YOUR HOUSE WIRED?

If not don't delay, but get it wired at once. The wires put you in touch with a world of comfort that the dweller in a wireless house can never appreciate. Good light alone is a sufficient reason for having it wired, but there are many other reasons. When you have electric connection you will find a dozen uses for the current, all contributing so much to the pleasure of living that you'll wonder how you ever did without them.

At odd times you'll pick up little electric devices, rendering one service or another economically and quickly, and presently you'll be living in an electric home, amid greater comforts and conveniences than you ever dreamed of.

### Get Your House Wired at Once!

## Portland Railway Light & Power Co.

C. G. MILLER, Contract Manager for Oregon City

## APPLE TREES and OTHER TREES

# MUST BE SPRAYED NOW



Just received, GENUINE REX RED LIME and SULPHUR SPRAY SOLUTION. Eastern importation. If you furnish can, 40c per gallon, or \$2.00 for 5 gallons and we furnish can. One gallon REX SPRAY will make 11 gallons of Spray. Recommended for the San Jose Scale by the Fruit Inspector.

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