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PROTECTION OF FORESTS

A number of eastern journals are discussing the subject of forest protection. The fact that there was a loss of over \$200,000,000 in the western forests, besides several hundred lives, has brought them to a realization that the time has come when something must be done.

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Third—A co-ordinated system of telephone lines extending up the main streams and tapping by tributary lines the lookout points.

Fourth—The purchase and maintenance of pack horses, fully equipped with pack saddles. These horses can be used for building trails and, when the emergency arises, put on duty packing fire supplies.

Fifth—The location of caches of tools throughout the forest at strategic points. These tools should consist of mattocks or grub hoes, saws, axes and shovels, enough to equip two men from each cache.

Sixth—A patrol on heavily timbered areas of at least one man to 30,000 acres, and in the more open regions of one man to 50,000 or 60,000 acres. These demands appear wholly reasonable and congress should not hesitate to grant them, and the states should be prompt in co-operating with the federal authorities to stop this appalling waste of one of the greatest of the national resources.

THE WOOL GROWERS RESOLVE

The wool growers of the Northwest held a convention in Portland last week for the purpose of protesting against the proposed reduction of the tariff on raw wool.

Japan has formulated a new tariff measure that is a radical departure from their previous policy and is designed to foster home industries by shutting out foreign competition.

Prof. R. L. Bolloy of the North Dakota University, in an address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said that he had been experimenting for years on the varying conditions of field crops.

woolen duties, the West, the East, the North and the South are united more closely than in any other portion of the tariff laws, and we call upon our senators and representatives in congress to present a united front against foreign invasion of our markets and resist to the utmost all attacks of vicious doctrinaires upon the protection that shields this national industry.

WHO OWNS THE AIR?

Just as we had settled down for a two years' rest on all the exciting questions of the day we are confronted by another great problem. "Who owns the air?" It is not a political question, as most politicians deal only in hot air and they generally have a superabundance of that commodity on hand.

The recent embarrassment of the Oregon City Commission house renders it more imperative than ever that the farmers of Clackamas county and the merchants of Oregon City should get together and arrange for the speedy opening of their quarters for the purchase and storage of all the produce of Clackamas county.

The Oregon primary laws and the Oregon initiative and referendum laws are receiving considerable attention at the hands of eastern legislators. Governors and congressmen have been investigating our state laws and in most instances they have been favorably commented on.

The president and Secretary Ballinger are to re-organize the \$1,000,000 special irrigation fund. Under the appropriation made by army engineers Oregon's share was only \$925,000. How much Oregon will receive under the new appropriation will depend much on the efforts of our representatives in Washington.

Ben Selling, the new presiding officer of the Oregon senate, has been selling merchandise for a long time. It is hoped that when the legislature adjourns it will be found that his record will show that he has not been selling the people.

The Democrats are said to favor a non-partisan committee to revise the tariff, but they want it distinctly understood that the committee shall be composed of Democrats.

The boy scout movement is assuming formidable proportions in the states east of the Rockies. Oregon City boys should wake up.

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK

Senator Elkins of West Virginia died in Washington Wednesday last. John D. Works, republican, has been elected United States senator in California.

The postal savings bank at Klamath Falls opened for business on Thursday.

The \$20,000,000 estate of the late Senator Elkins will be divided among seven children.

Speaker Cannon has fallen heir to \$2,000,000, left by a man he befriended many years ago.

thing can be done with wheat. If science can reclaim the wheat lands of the Willamette valley the professor will receive the thanks of many farmers who have thought their lands worthless.

At a recent banquet in London Commander Simms of the United States navy declared that if the time ever came when the British empire was menaced by a foreign foe the Britons might count on "every man, every drop of blood, every ship and every dollar of their kindred across the sea."

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WASHINGTON NOW WAITS

Governor Hay Says Oregon Must Now Make Proposition. Olympia.—Upon returning to Olympia following a trip along the Columbia River with the legislative committee and representatives of Oregon, Governor Hay, Treasurer Lewis and Attorney-General Bell announced they would have nothing to say relative to the boundary dispute until Oregon makes a proposition.

The Oregon authorities are to meet in Portland and submit an offer to Washington to settle the dispute and the matter will be referred to the legislature for action.

Marriage. "Marriage," said the serious man, "is an education in itself." "Yes," commented old Grouch. "It teaches you what not to do after you have done it."—Boston Transcript.

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OREGON LEGISLATORS NOW IN SESSION

Equitable Representation Is the Leading Problem to Be Considered. Salem.—In the organization of the legislature which convened Monday, the selection of presiding officers was taken to the floor of each house.

Selling had 15 Republican votes and two Democrats. The latter were Oliver and McCulloch.

Rusk was elected speaker of the House on the first ballot, receiving 55 votes to 22 for Eaton and 2 for Thompson.

Delivery by Allan Eaton, of Eugene, of the votes of Senators Bean and Calkins, of Lane, to Senator Selling in the fight for president of the Senate cost Eaton the speakership of the House.

Charging the two Lane County Senators with being largely responsible for preventing the re-election of Acting Governor Bowerman as president of the Senate and feeling satisfied that W. Lalr Thompson could not be elected speaker, the Thompson following, composed largely of personal friends of Bowerman, united with the supporters of J. P. Rusk.

West Inaugurated Tuesday.

Owing to the fact that permanent organization was delayed by taking the fight for presiding officers to the floor of each house, Governor-elect West was not inaugurated until Tuesday.

With no United States senator to elect, the legislature will be occupied in the consideration of legislation. Several bills, important to the state and its various administrative departments, have been prepared and will be presented early in the session.

Of particular interest and importance to the entire state is the reapportionment of representative and senatorial districts, which must be made at this session. There is a constitutional provision that requires the legislative representation in the state at the session immediately following a state or federal census.

Final determination of the boundary line between Oregon and Washington may prove the subject of legislation at this session. By the decision of the United States supreme court two years ago, Sand Island was awarded to Oregon. At the same time it was stipulated that the exact boundary line in the vicinity of the island should be determined by commissions appointed by the two states.

State Line to Be Adjusted.

Of particular interest to corporations is the probability that legislation will be enacted creating a public service commission. It is understood that two such measures already have been prepared. One applies generally to all public service corporations of the state, while the other is designed to reach and regulate these corporations in Multnomah County only.

There is some talk of extending the powers of the Oregon Railroad Commission so as to include all public service corporations not now served by that organization.

Purchase Supplies at Wholesale.

Provision undoubtedly will be made by the legislature for purchasing supplies for all state institutions at one time and then distributing them through a commissary department to the various institutions as they are required. Such a reformation in the purchase of state supplies was promised the people of the state by Acting Governor Bowerman during the late campaign.

Scale of Salaries Proposed.

At every session of the legislature, numerous bills are presented for adjusting the salaries of county officials in different sections of the state. Representative Buchanan will again this year offer a bill, which, if enacted, will fix the compensation of all county officials for some time. He has a measure that provides a graduated scale of salaries for all county officials in the state.

A public service commission to displace the present state railroad commission and broaden its field is proposed in a bill to be introduced at the coming session of the legislature. The bill has in view the regulation of the railroads, street railways, electric light and gas, telegraph and telephone corporations operating within the boundaries of the state.

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GOVERNOR HAY FOR DAYLIGHT SALOONS

Olympia.—"Daylight saloon" is the recommendation of Governor M. E. Hay in his message to the joint session of the legislature. He also asks for legislation and tells of the condition of the state's finances controlling the operation of the governmental powers of the state during the past two years.

With regard to the local option law he declares: "At the present time I believe a great majority of the people of this state favor the principle of the present local option law, but desire its amendment as to the number of units and made a county unit law."

"I recommend that the law be amended in this respect and further strengthened in the clauses providing for the enforcement of its provisions. I also recommend as a further regulative measure that from and after January 1, 1912, the sale of liquor in licensed territory be confined to the hours between sunrise and sunset, on the lines of the well known Nebraska daylight saloon law."

In addition to making a startling recommendation upon the liquor situation he makes one equally as surprising with regard to the abolishment of the offices of railroad commissioners, tax commissioners and insurance commissioners, the latter at the end of the term of the present commissioner and in the place of these create the two following commissions.

New Offices Are Created.

"A Public Service Commission, to perform the duties now exercised by the Railroad Commission as relates to transportation, telegraph and telephone companies, with the added powers of supervision and regulation over light, power, gas, water and irrigation companies or corporations doing business in the state.

"A Public Revenue Commission, whose duties will include those now imposed on the Tax Commission and in addition thereto shall administer the insurance department, the collection of the motor vehicle tax, game licenses and such other indirect taxes as are not collected through established departments.

In the matter of the multiplicity of offices for politicians who desire fat jobs the Governor gives his firm views and declares for the enforcement of the recall and giving the Governor the power to fill all positions. He expresses his views as follows:

"An amendment giving the voters the power of recall over all municipal, county and state elective offices. "An amendment providing for the election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor only on the state ticket; giving to the Governor the appointive power to fill all other state positions, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and in case this amendment is endorsed that its provisions shall not become effective until after the expiration of the terms of office of those who may be elected at the general election in 1912.

"An amendment providing for the appointment of the Supreme Court judges by the Governor; for the extension of their terms to 12 years, three terms to expire each four years, and with the further provision for service age limit and retirement pensions."

There are no unshiny ash heaps on the farm of the man who knows their fertilizing value.

Keeping Away Moles. I have noticed that moles will avoid tinned corn put in holes. It occurred to me to guard pumpkins, squash and similar crops in this same way. I tinned stones, chips and cornsels well with gas tar and placed them about a foot below the surface, so the roots did not come in contact with the tar, and for several years I have had no trouble with moles, bugs or grubs.—American Agriculturist.

Poultry Pointers.

Forcing the molt by starving the hens is not considered a good practice. Clean the coops thoroughly before you put them away. Get them under cover, too, if you can. They will last so much longer.

Two parts lard and one part turpentine will often cure "limberneck" in the afflicted bird if discovered in time and the remedy given promptly.

Ducks intended for breeding should be separated from those intended for market. It will be an advantage if they can have plenty of range and swimming water.

Warm water for breakfast makes the fowls shiver out the eggs. Fresh air is all right for the hens, but not when it is sifted through knotholes and cracks between the boards.

Most meat and beef scraps are rich in protein and mineral matter and especially desirable for molting hens and pullets kept for layers. Where insects are not abundant meat in some form should supply a portion of the ration of laying hens.

If the roosts in the henhouses are high the heavier birds are almost sure to suffer from bruised feet, commonly known as burnblefoot. This is caused by jumping from the roost to the hard floor.

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