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A GAIN FOR THE FEW AT A LOSS TO THE MANY.

There never was a session of the state legislature held but that purely selfish bills were introduced. Sometimes, by logrolling and other tricks peculiar to such august bodies of lawmakers, the bills got by, and the state at large suffered as a consequence.

Takes for example the bill introduced at the present session of the legislature by Senator Barrett, who would designate certain highways upon which the bulk of state road money would be spent.

In the first place, Senator Barrett ignores the present route of the Pacific highway in mapping his road through Washington and Yamhill counties. He would have the automobile tourist miss the beautiful drive along the banks of the Willamette out of Portland, he would have the tourist ignore the falls of the Willamette and the great paper and woolen mills that line the shores of the historic stream, he would have the motorist go through villages of no historical importance and pass up Oregon City, the seat of territorial government in Oregon, the home of Dr. McLoughlin, the most prosperous city of its size in the entire state.

Clackamas county, with state and federal aid pledged, will spend \$50,000 or \$60,000 in improving this north-and-south road through the county this year. With its own paving plant, the county has already paved a large part of the road leading south out of Portland and hard surface will, in time, be laid from one county line to the other. Surely such roads beat the macadam and gravel of Washington county.

Oregon City and Clackamas county should not be ignored in this matter. It is a thing of the most vital concern. The defeat of Barrett's bill is absolutely necessary if the automobile tourist is to gain a glimpse of one of Oregon's greatest industries, its most historical town and its most beautiful river.

A NEW JUDGE—AN OLD DOCTRINE

Mr. Justice Clarke of Ohio succeeded Mr. Justice Hughes of New York on the supreme court. At the December sitting of the court he delivered his opinion in a case brought against the Northern Pacific railroad for alleged violation of a regulation of the Interstate Commerce commission. The court held for the railroad, on the ground that its offense, if any existed, was an omission caused by an honest mistake in regard to a genuinely doubtful episode; and that this constitutes no violation of the law.

Justice Clarke added some observations relating to the disposition of ministerial officers to construe statutes by personal whim. He said: "Statutes should be construed, as far as possible, so that those subject to their control may, by reference to their terms, ascertain the measure of their duty and obligation, rather than that such measure should be dependent upon the discretion of executive officers, to the end that ours may continue to be a government of written laws rather than one of official grace."

Here is John Adams come to life again. "A government of laws and not of men" was the object of his solicitude. We hope Justice Clarke intends to make it his, also. He will find ample occupation if he does. The Interstate Commerce commission is by no means the only offender. Our government, in states and in the nation, is honeycombed with minor officers, whose places are created by statute and whose powers are likewise conferred.

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Trust your affairs to the Bank that trusts you with its affairs.

German is spoken here

THE BANK OF OREGON CITY

Oldest, Largest and Strongest Bank in Clackamas County.

The twine used to cost 6 to 7 cents a pound, and there was always plenty of it. The Mexican revolution has been interfering with the supply. Worse still, the Carranza government organized a sisal monopoly to squeeze more profit out of the gringos. As a result, the price has nearly doubled.

Last season North Dakota farmers decided to experiment with hemp-raising. They planted a liberal acreage, with surprisingly good results. They found that, even without experience they could get 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of fiber to an acre. The plant can be turned into fiber ready for spinning at a cost of half a cent a pound by the use of machinery, against a cent a pound when "retted" by hand according to the Mexican way.

Senator Gronous says that the farmers can make a fine profit on their crop at a selling price that will enable the twine to be sold at 6 cents a pound. North Dakota farmers are going to plant sisal very extensively this year, and hope eventually to produce enough of the staple to supply the whole country.

POOR BOYS' CHANCES

Some people persist in believing that "chance" is the important factor in success or failure. That it is a factor that must be reckoned with is hard to deny. But that it's very far from being the main factor, everybody who has ever succeeded, whether in attaining health or happiness, wealth or power agrees.

In Chicago the life story of the general manager of a great industrial concern has recently come to light. He began as a poor boy with a very humble job low down in the scale of the business which he now heads. It took him thirty years to reach the top, but he did it.

When asked whether there are any "chances" today for the poor and friendly boy, this man gave the following very complete and comprehensive reply: "Rise early, work late, play hard, be merry, don't worry, and be good." It's a recipe that leaves little to chance but spells hope and success for anyone with ambition and determination.

WHEN REFORMS MUST COME

For years we have been told that Oregon has too many boards and commissions, and that they duplicate each other's work and gather information and undertake tasks which are unnecessary, but at each biennial session of the legislature the abolition or consolidation of the useless boards has been postponed under one excuse or another.

But things are different this year. The tax limitation amendment makes economy absolutely necessary in the conduct of state affairs and the place where economy must begin is with these much-abused commissions.

Incidentally, the Clackamas county delegation is in the forefront in this movement which looks toward more efficiency and less machinery in the state government. Senator Walter A. Dimick's resolution for a joint committee to investigate the work of the boards and commissions was passed unanimously in the senate, and Representative George C. Brownell started a somewhat similar movement in the house.

THAW CUTS THROAT WITH RAZOR, BUT WILL LIVE

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.—Harry Kendall Thaw, under indictment in New York, together with two so-called bodyguards for an alleged attack on Frederick Gump, Jr., a 19-year-old high school boy of Kansas City, in a New York hotel last Christmas, attempted suicide in a house at west Philadelphia today while the police of virtually every city in the east were searching for him as a fugitive from justice.

Thaw slashed his throat twice with a razor and tried to cut an artery in his arm. Thirty stitches were necessary to close the gaping wound in his neck, which had it been an eighth of an inch deeper, would have cost him his life. He is expected to recover.

MAPLE LANE GRANGE IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CASCADE COUNTY PLAN

Maple Lane Grange No. 296, met in regular session at the grange hall at Maple Lane on Saturday, at which time the installation of officers took place. The morning session was devoted to business of the order, at which time the resolution regarding the division of the county was brought up and passed. The members of this grange are strongly opposed to the division. The following is the resolution passed:

"WHEREAS, there is a movement on foot to divide our county, and "WHEREAS, we believe such action is being organized and prosecuted from political and mercenary motives, and not for the welfare of the whole county; Therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, by Maple Lane Grange No. 296, P. of H. in regular session assembled on January 13, 1917, that we strongly oppose such an action by the legislature, and that a copy of this above be sent to the committee opposing such division.

ANNA J. LEWIS, Secretary. LYMAN DERRICK, Master.

LIMIT FOR NETS MAY BE SHIFTED FAR DOWN RIVER

LEGISLATURE WILL BE ASKED TO MOVE DEADLINE 2 1/2 MILES BELOW THE RAPIDS.

BROWNELL WINS FIGHT IN HOUSE FOR SURVEY OF STATE BOARDS

Clackamas Representative induces the House to ignore Senator Dimick's Resolution and Senate—Dimick Still Seeks Harmony.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(Special to the Enterprise)—White taking no definite vote, it was tentatively agreed today at a joint meeting of the Fish and Game commission with the two fish and game committees of the legislature to advocate the placing of deadline for salmon fishing with nets, not at the suspension bridge in Oregon City, to a point two and a half miles below the Clackamas rapids.

An effort was made two years ago to change the deadline from a point near the falls to the mouth of the Clackamas, and the suspension bridge was finally made a compromise point. This new proposed deadline, which would shift out of the net fisherman what is left of the best salmon fishing grounds on the Willamette is along the line of the recommendations made by the Fish and Game commission.

The resolution committee of the house today while not reporting back Representative Brownell's consolidation resolution sent in a substitute resolution calling for a committee of five members of the house to investigate the question of the consolidation or elimination of various state commissions. The resolution passed without any particular opposition and Speaker Stanfield named as members of the committee Brownell, chairman, Thomas, Ritner, Portwood and Porter.

Brownell Wins Fight

"I consider I won my fight. What I want is an intelligent consolidation program" stated Brownell after the passage of the resolution. Senator Dimick's resolution providing for a joint committee from the house and senate for the same purpose passed the senate but was buried in the house committee and it is stated that Brownell was rather active in burying the resolution.

Dimick will introduce another resolution in the senate tomorrow morning asking for the appointment of a committee from the senate for the same purpose. He hopes to secure cooperation with the house committee in this manner and will hang out the olive branch, he states, to secure a program that will be satisfactory to both houses.

Some Senators Disatisfied

Some dissatisfaction was expressed in the senate today at the act of the house in ignoring the senate on the consolidation committee and one or two declared it might be questionable if bills framed by the house committee would have altogether clear sailing when coming into the senate unless the senate is recognized. It is believed Senator Dimick's resolution to be introduced tomorrow will be passed readily.

Brownell introduced two bills to-day one providing for two filing fees for initiative and referendum petitions and other permitting angling for salmon at any time during the year.

SENATOR DIMICK IS A LEADER IN FIGHT TO CUT JUDGES' SALARIES

BILL IS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE IN SENATE—LAWMAKERS QUIT UNTIL MONDAY.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—(Special)—Both houses of the legislature adjourned early today until Monday.

Senator Walter A. Dimick, of Clackamas, was one of the leaders in the fight in the senate this morning to reduce the salaries of circuit judges from \$4000 to \$3600. The bill was referred to a committee with instructions to prepare a bill cutting the salaries of judges when a cut was deemed necessary and to leave the salaries unchanged when the present salaries were deemed warranted.

ALLIES REPEAT THAT BIG WAR MUST GO ON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The entire allies, in a note addressed by Arthur Balfour, British foreign minister, to Ambassador Spring Rice, and delivered to the state department today, amplify their replies to President Wilson's peace note, by explaining in detail why they believe impossible at present to attain a peace which will assure them such guarantee as they consider essential.

The note also explains why the allies demand the expulsion of Turkey from Europe, restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France, of Italia Irredenta to Italy and other territorial changes set forth.

LOCAL TEMPERANCE FOLK URGE EARLY PASSAGE OF THE BONE-DRY MEASURE

REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS, AND SENATOR SHANKS SPEAK AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

The probability that the prohibition bill drawn by Dr. J. E. Anderson, representative in the legislature from Wasco county and chairman of the alcoholic committee in the house, will be one of the several which have been prepared to receive the support of the committee of both the house and the senate became known here Sunday afternoon when Representative Anderson and Senator M. J. Shanks, chairman of the alcoholic committee in the upper house, spoke in the Methodist church.

Representative Anderson said that after a study of all the bills drawn he still considered his own the best, and Senator Shanks also declared his hearty approval of the Anderson bill.

Dr. Anderson proposes to change only five of the 42 sections of the present prohibition law, and he is opposed to a search and seizure clause which is desired by some of the more radical drys. The question of the handling of alcohol, one of the most puzzling confronting the lawmakers, has received the careful consideration of the Wasco county representative, and he does not approve the proposed plan of selling alcohol only upon permits issued by the district attorney. He does favor the method of selling ethyl alcohol for medicinal purposes only upon the prescription of a physician, "I have yet to hear of a mechanical or scientific purpose for which denatured alcohol is not just as good as grain or ethyl alcohol" said Representative Anderson. "All alcohol not sold upon a doctor's prescription should be denatured."

While opposing a strict search and seizure clause, which would give the officials the authority to search a house or store without the usual procedure, Representative Anderson does look with favor upon a clause which would permit an examination of baggage and goods entering Oregon from a wet state.

He reviewed briefly the good done his home city, The Dalles, by prohibition, and several times drew applause by his account of the reforms which his new regime had brought.

Senator Shanks spoke briefly, taking up the difficulties faced by those whose duty it was to enact the law which would carry the bone-dry measure into effect. He said that all would be given an opportunity to criticize the bill before the legislature enacted it.

C. H. Dye, prominent in local prohibition work, was chairman of the meeting and R. P. Hutton, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, spoke. Rev. J. K. Hawkins, pastor of the Methodist church, introduced the following resolution which was passed unanimously:

"RESOLVED, that we, the representatives of the temperance sentiment of Clackamas county, in meeting assembled at the First Methodist Episcopal church at Oregon City, hereby urge our representatives in the legislature to enact into law a bill enforcing the bone-dry amendment at the earliest possible date.

"We further recommend that all liquor shipped in for other than beverage purposes be shipped in by public carriers only. We are not in favor of a search and seizure law, which would invade the sacred precincts of the home; but we are in favor of a law that would make it possible to examine personal effects or vehicles entering the state under suspicion of transporting liquor in violation of the law. We are in favor of a law that will require that all alcohol sold for external use shall be denatured and marked as poison."

ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE BOOKS OF COUNTY MADE

ACCOUNTANT HAS PRAISE FOR MANNER IN WHICH RECORDS ARE KEPT

J. H. Wilson, certified public accountant, has completed the annual audit of the county's books, and Thursday filed his report with County Clerk Iva M. Harrington.

He has praise for the county officials, commending them for the manner in which they keep their records and manage their offices. For instance, he says of Clerk Harrington: "All of her financial business has been transacted without any error, and again he says, 'I cannot refrain from complimenting the county clerk on her record for 1916. Every figure is correct and the business of her office has been handled promptly and efficiently.'" Of County Treasurer M. E. Dunn, Mr. Wilson says: "Both the treasurer and his daughter, who assists him, thoroughly understand all the duties of the treasurer's office."

BILL INCLUDES \$80,000 FOR DEEPENING OF LOCKS HERE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(Special)—An appropriation of \$80,000 for the deepening of the locks at Oregon City is included in the rivers and harbors bill which is now before the house of representatives. The item carried each year at the present time, the low-

GLACKAMAS DELEGATION TO THE FOREFRONT IN LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MEMBERS FROM THIS COUNTY HOLD GOOD COMMITTEE JOBS—OSWEGO BILL IS UP.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—(Special)—The first week of the twenty-ninth biennial session of the Oregon legislature closed with the Clackamas county delegation giving a good account of itself in both houses.

Senator Dimick and Representative Brownell have been the active members in introducing bills, but the other members have been neglecting none of the bills and the first week will show that they have been active in a quiet way.

Representative Brownell introduced six bills during the week while Senator Dimick introduced four. Representative Brownell introduced one resolution and Senator Dimick introduced three.

Representative Stephens has shown himself as an active member on the ways and means committee. That committee has cut out for it the most important work of the session and has a great grist of work ahead. Regardless of this fact it got away with a flying start in the two joint sessions held and considerable business was transacted. Representative Stephens, as the only Clackamas county member on that committee, has taken a decided interest in the proceedings and has frequently entered into the cross-questioning of state officials who have been "called out on the carpet" to explain the estimates which they have placed before the committee.

Division Plan Buried?

The bill of Senator Lewis of Multnomah county, introduced early in the session, changes the boundary line between Clackamas and Multnomah counties by annexing certain territory of Clackamas county to Multnomah is in the committee on counties. By a rather strange coincidence Senator Dimick of Clackamas is on the committee on counties in the senate and Representative Stephens, also of Clackamas, is chairman of the committee on counties in the house.

Senator Dimick intimated before leaving for home at the adjournment for the week that possibly the bill might never creep out of the counties committee, but if it does it probably will have an adverse report. In event two other members of that committee, Orton and Lieneweber insist on giving an affirmative report the question probably will be threshed out on the floor of the senate through majority and minority reports, as Dimick will oppose the passage of the bill.

If it should finally get by the senate, which seems very doubtful, it still has to run the gauntlet through the counties committee with another Clackamas county member as chairman.

Whatever may be the eventual fate of the bill it will have some merry sledding before it if it finally passes, and it will still have the executive to confront.

Flood of Bills Coming

All the bills introduced by the members of the Clackamas delegation still are in committee, but probably will start to appear for final passage during the coming week.

Next week promises to develop some exciting times at the session. The number of bills introduced the first week was somewhat less in the aggregate for both houses than for the first week of the last session, but next Monday will see a new flock of them floating into both houses bright and early. The few members left here are working on a number of proposed measures, while those that have gone home will bring back a bunch more. It is not known what additional legislation Clackamas county members will ask for but one or two of them intimated just before leaving for home that they "might start something."

MILWAUKIE LANDMARK IS BEING TORN DOWN

CEAR TIMBER IN OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH ALMOST AS SOUND AS 50 YEARS AGO.

The old Milwaukee Catholic church, a landmark for half a century and one of the oldest places of worship in the Pacific northwest, is being torn down. The church was probably built in the early '50s, although a search made by Rev. Father Job Bernards, pastor of the church of St. John the Baptist, in Milwaukee, through church records in Milwaukee, Portland and Vancouver, failed to fix definitely the date of its erection.

COUNTY UNIT SCHOOL BILL BEING DRAFTED

COUNTY EDUCATIONAL BOARD, IF BILL PASSES, WILL CONTROL ALL SCHOOLS.

A bill embodying the county unit plan of school administration is being drafted and will be introduced at the coming session of the state legislature. County school superintendents, recently gathered at Salem, discussed the measure and expressed their favor of it.

This proposed measure will, if it becomes a law, be optional with each county.

It provides for school administration and taxation, the two most important factors of any educational system.

The county, except that part of it which is in districts of the first class, will be divided in five zones, or districts. The voters in each of these districts will elect one director to be a member of the County Educational board. The term of office will be five years.

The specific duties of the County Educational board shall be as follows:

- 1. To determine and prepare an annual budget for the schools of the county, and submit the estimates to the county court, of the amount of money needed to support the elementary and high schools.
2. To have full power and authority to change the boundaries of the several school districts within the county.
3. To appoint the county school superintendent and prescribe his duties.
4. To appoint, at a regular meeting called for this purpose, upon the recommendation of the county school superintendent, all principals, teachers, and other necessary employes, to determine the length of their terms of service, enter into contract with, and fix and pay all salaries of such employes, prescribe, under the direction of the county superintendent their duties.
5. To authorize the chairman and superintendent to draw warrants for the payment of teacher's salaries.
6. To enforce the compulsory education law.
7. The county school fund will be apportioned by the county school superintendent as follows:
One-half of the county school fund on the teachers, based on 8 school months for the year, the other one-half to be apportioned on the aggregate daily attendance, plus 300 days constructive attendance for each month of school taught in each district.

TEMPEST STIRRED UP AT HARMONY SESSION

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Efforts to bring about harmony between Republicans and Progressives here today produced as the first conspicuous result a stormy protest from George W. Perkins and Everett Colby, Progressive leaders, that Republican leaders were not acting in good faith. Later a statement declaring the charges unfounded was issued by members of the Republican committee.

Elmer Swope, of Silverton, is in this city for a few days visit.

NERVOUS WOMEN! It's The Same Everywhere In Oregon.

Portland, Oregon.—"I was for six months troubled with nervousness, and the doctor said I had consumption. Through the advice of a friend I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and was completely cured. I am now in middle life and am in good health."

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THIS BOOK EXPLAINS.

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