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It is easy for an aeroplane to drop explosives into an inoffensive city, but suppose the city decides to "drop up" a few projectiles into the machinery of the aeroplane?

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TROUBLE IS WITH THE SYSTEM.

There has been complaint that the street improvements have not been pushed to completion with due spirit, and that someone should get busy with a sharp stick.

The usual system of civic improvements seems wrong. It is usual to leave the supervision of these improvements to city officials who are paid little, if anything, for their services.

This is scarcely fair; either a reasonable salary should be paid or the criticism made mild. In certain cities of the East a movement is very marked towards a few officials, with responsibility and commensurate salary and a holding to the proper performance of duty.

With competent officials supervising the preparations and installation, we will see work taken up and completed according to right method and with all possible alacrity, and there will be no cause for worry or complaint.

Why not Oregon City take a stand for proper conservation of effort and cash and place some few officials in charge, at fair pay, and then hold them to the successful consummation of the work entrusted to them?

If the whole "game" of Congress was to get what plunder was in sight, and let what one could not get go to the dogs, then Senators Chamberlain and Bourne are a failure, and a failure of the rankest sort.

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SUIT IS INSTITUTED AGAINST ASSAILANT

EMORY C. DYE, A LOCAL ATTORNEY, SUES MANAGER OF LYRIC THEATER.

The Sunday issue of the Morning Enterprise told the story of the assault on a townsman, E. C. Dye, by the manager of the Lyric theater, Portland, on Saturday. Mr. Dye could find no cause in his own actions for the assault, and the outcome is a suit at law to test the excuse for the assault.

Because he was ejected from the Lyric Theater Saturday afternoon during a rehearsal, C. Emery Dye, a son of Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, the historian and novelist, caused the arrest this morning of Daniel Flood, the manager of the theater, on charges of assault and battery.

"I'm a playwright, sir, and have been invited to come by Mr. Dillon," Flood told him again to go, and when he still refused the fight started. There was a short wrestling match in the aisle, in which Dye was scratched on the face.

The Deputy District Attorney gave him a warrant reluctantly, because by his own statement he was a trespasser, but when he insisted decided to let the court pass upon the merits of the controversy.

BREACH OF PROMISE ALLEGED IN THE SUIT

MISS MARY E. CRONEN ASKS THE COURTS FOR VERDICT AGAINST W. B. MOORE.

CANBY, Or., Jan. 17.—Walter Baker Moore, president of the Canby Canal and Realty Co., and a prominent figure in the business developments in this place, has been sued in the Portland courts for breach of promise by Miss Mary E. Cronen. The allegations are many and specific, and according to the story told Moore has repeatedly failed to keep his engagements to wed, changing the date on three different occasions.

Miss Cronen wants \$100,000 to assuage her grief. Moore is a very wealthy, has large interests in Walla Walla, his former home, is son of Ex-Governor Miles C. Moore, and is a business man of considerable importance in the Rose City.

Miss Cronen is said to be an old friend of the Moores, and the indignity heaped upon her by Moore's recent treatment is more than she can bear, without financial relief.

Go to Secret's for that hot lunch—successor to Lents, 610 Main street. The best Homemade Bread that can be baked; you can get it at Schrader's Bakery, on Main street, near Postoffice.

Not fewer than two bills will be offered on the subject of a public service commission. One will propose such an organization for the control of corporations in Multnomah County alone. Another will be state-wide in its provisions. It is not improbable that a third bill on this subject will appear.

Senator Bowerman will probably be one of the leaders in an active opposition which will develop against the consideration of any of the 38 vetoed bills which have been returned from the governor after the last regular session. He declares that these bills are all dead, that a special session intervened between the last regular session and the present session, and that the bills should have been voted upon at the special session.

The constitution in Section 15 of Article V provides that the bills shall be acted upon at the "next session." There is no mention of regular session, and it is the contention of Bowerman that plainly the legislature should have voted upon them at that time. In the house bills vetoed by

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OREGON LAWMAKERS WORK AS REVIEWED

Initial Week Is Quiet and Little Accomplished Aside From Organization.

Salem.—Aside from organization and election of presiding officers very little was accomplished during the initial week of the session by the state's lawmakers. Scarcely the groundwork of legislation and policy was laid during the three days the solons were in session.

Although not in years has the first week of lawmaking been marked by greater quietude with indications of a rather sedate session, before the session is over there may be some high grade politics played under the direction of Jay Bowerman. A peculiar situation exists in both houses, and before the session progresses very far complications may arise that will result in a few political "sky rockets."

Progressive Republicans Control. Although the so-called progressive Republicans are in the saddle in both branches, it is only through the assistance of a few Republicans whose sympathies in the past have not been wholly in accord with the "Oregon System," Ben Selling was elected president of the senate with the help of some four Republicans who have never accepted the entire Oregon system. In the house, Speaker Jerry Rusk was elected by the Republicans not classed as progressive.

The fun will begin when Senator Kellaker's resolution to endorse the Oregon system is up for consideration. The resolution will be the means of placing on record the members of the senate and show where each one stands regarding the direct primary, initiative and referendum, the recall, corrupt practices act and the rest of the system. This resolution is to be made the means for a general and specific attack on United States Senator Bourne and incidentally upon United States Senator Chamberlain. Despite the opposition it is believed there are enough progressive Republicans and Democrats to adopt the resolution.

Little Is Accomplished. As to actual accomplishments, there have been few in the first week. There appears to be a tendency to hold down the number of bills introduced, for there have been but 66 introduced, and of these only 39 have come from the house. Usually, the first week of the legislature sees about 100 or more bills introduced and the printing office congested. Of the 66 bills already presented, there are few of first importance. The big legislation, such as the new judicial system, the compensation act, reapportionment for the new congressional district, and the like, will not appear until the coming week.

Bowerman Plan for Districting State. In his message to the legislature Mr. Bowerman recommended the districting of the state into districts equal in number to the membership of the house and the senate, one member to each branch of the legislature to be chosen from the districts so established. It is not known that the recommendations of Mr. Bowerman will be embodied in a bill, but, regardless of whether or not they are, it is incumbent on this legislature to redistrict the state into senatorial and representative districts. This duty is imposed on the legislature by a provision of the state constitution which directs the state's lawmaking body shall so redistrict the state following a want public service commission.

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State May Scrub Pupils. Keep school children clean by a compulsory process, require that they carry no disease by dirt into the schools with them and that they be free from vermin, are ideas fathered by Senator Chase of Coos, who will either introduce a bill to this effect himself or will arrange to have it incorporated in a bill to be introduced by the legislative committee of the State Teachers' Association. He wishes certain powers of this kind to be more definitely delegated to city health officers.

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Governor Chamberlain were primarily relating to increase of salary for various county and district officers.

Chamberlain exercising his prerogative in connecting with all of these other vetoes of house bills were in relation to appointment of a board of trustees of the McLaughlin home at Oregon City, a horticultural bill and other minor measures.

These included bills relating to examination before securing a marriage license; defining vagrancy; registration of voters; exemption of bonds from taxation; making it a misdemeanor to circulate false statements concerning the condition of a bank; publishing delinquent tax lists; cutting the boundaries of Coos and Curry counties; relating to fishing near fishways; providing for preparation of a syllabi of supreme court cases; Dr. Owens-Adair sterilization bill; providing for organization of new counties and a number of bills in reference to salaries for county officers.

Officers Against Emergency Clause. Speaker Rusk of the house adds his voice to that of President Selling of the senate in emphatic declaration that emergency clauses will have hard shodding during the present session of the legislature. Pledgers for emergency clauses, which have the effect of putting laws into force without opportunity for use of the referendum, will be told to halt unless they can show absolute necessity.

The legislature is the sole judge as to the existence of the emergency. With President Selling and Speaker Rusk strongly opposed to fictitious "emergencies," the coming session may be made comparatively free from too frequent use of the harmless-looking clause which so often brings up the rear paragraph of bills when they are introduced.

Take Apportionments from Speaker. In the house, under the leadership of Eaton, defeated candidate for speaker, strenuous efforts were made to take out of the hands of Speaker Rusk the appointment of the 42 standing committees.

It has been frankly charged by Eaton and his colleagues that in consideration of Thompson's retirement from the speakership contest and his support of Rusk, Rusk conceded to Thompson the naming of most of the house committees.

In the senate no effort was made to deprive President Selling, as presiding officer, of the privilege of composing his own committees.

Solution of the county division question, so that a deluge of plans for creating new counties will not go on the ballot at the next election, is being studied by all members of the legislature and several bills on the subject are to be introduced, besides consideration of a vetoed bill of last session bearing on the same subject.

Having assured herself that if her sterilization bill is passed by the legislature it will not meet with veto by the governor, as it did three years ago, Dr. Owens-Adair is busy lining up members of the legislature to pass the bill over the veto when it comes up.

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Thinks There Are a Few Good Promisers. Editor Enterprise: "Fair Play" is mistaken if he thinks the "smoke of battle has cleared away." And he is also mistaken if he thinks he can gloss it over so as to make the "in earnest dries" feel as if they had won much of a victory. While it is true that we gave the enemy a scare there is little satisfaction in that to one who is conscientiously dry.

There was some little "smoke of battle," but that is not the worst of it—there was much fog. In his lecture some years ago on "A School for Scandal," Rev. Talmage said there was not always fire where there was smoke for he asserted that the Devil knew how to make smoke where there was no fire. And in the recent campaign we saw the exemplification of this—we saw before the battle of the day of ballots much haze of promise of support of the dry cause that did not materialize on election day.

UP-AND-AT-EM. Editor Enterprise: There is a State law which provides that when a church owns business property it shall bear its portion of the tax burden. By its provisions the business portion of the Oregon City M. E. church is assessed same as other property in that neighborhood. This is recognized as a fair proposition. But what does not seem fair to me is to see church property that is intended for use in public worship, and exempted from taxation, devoted to business purposes during the week.

It is not that we fail to receive a few dollars of tax that leads me to pen these lines, for I do not care for that feature of the proposition, but it is that the church or churches who do this—and there are several of them—do an injustice to the man who is in legitimate business all the week and pays taxes accordingly.

There are restaurants in the city that pay taxes and keep up repairs on their property that they may carry on the restaurant business. They try to feed the public every day in the week, bearing the burden during the dull season when there is no profit in the business. Then, when there is to be a big day in the community they contribute towards the success of the occasion. But instead of being given an opportunity to reap a bit of a reward for fidelity in the past one or more churches come to the front and make a desperate effort to get the cream of the business on that day. The church organization pays little or nothing for its provisions, hires no cooks, waiters or dishwashers, pays no taxes, takes the cream of the business of the day and then wonders why the restaurant man can't get rich like other people.

I am charitable enough to think that the church people have never for a moment thought of the injustice done to the restaurant man, but this thoughtlessness doesn't make the blow any lighter for him. What I think should be done is to insist that any church property that is used in competitive business be listed for taxation. If that doesn't prove adequate to protect the restaurant man it will be at least even up taxation. The church people who wish to continue to get the property used in the business should pay its share of the tax burden.

SINCERE. Cheap Fare to Portland. Editor Enterprise: I see that you are printing "kicks" which indicates to me that you ain't afraid of the cars, and so I hasten to get my little say printed before some one scares you into tall timber.

What about cheap fares to Portland? Is anything being done to induce the O. W. P. to cut its rate from here to Portland and from Portland to the prettiest spot on the Willamette? And if not, why not?

I have been told—but can scarce believe it—that when the Commercial Club took steps to get the fare reduced certain merchants made a protest and said that they wished the fare was fifty cents. I buy all my necessities in Oregon City, where I make my money, and shall continue to do so. That being the case why should not I ride to Portland for ten or fifteen cents, and save that dime to spend with Oregon City merchants? And if a man or woman is bent on going to Portland to trade a few cents won't hold them here. Let's have a cheap fare to Portland for the time we want to visit the city; and the merchant who tries to get me cheap traffic will get the money I save, and any more I have to spend.

WORKINGMAN. Go to Secret's for that hot lunch—successor to Lents, 610 Main street. Oranges 10c dozen at Seely's.

Cloth-pline 4c at Seely's. The snow is still five inches deep. The four months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Forberg died last week. They had moved here New Year. A family has moved into Best Johnson's house. All of the vacant houses are filled once more. Victor Johnson and Victor Erickson went to Portland last week and bought a large team of horses. Joel Jari went to Portland Tuesday. Delon Shaw sold his 30 acres here and has bought a place at Newberg. His 30 here has been resold to Mr. Maulding, of Boring. The saw mills are closed on account of the snow. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, of Canada, visited their son and daughter here during the holidays. Joel Jari had the misfortune to lose a young mare recently. She was a broodmare and this time she had put up she killed her during the night.

ELECTRIC THEATRE

Main Street

Complete Change of Program

SPECIAL MATINEE AT 2 P. M.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DAMASCUS AND ROCK CREEK. In this part of the county we had about six inches of snow and a few degrees below freezing, only a few sleighs were out on account of it being a wet snow.

Miss Olive Mortimore went to Portland Saturday to attend the funeral of her cousin, there being no school in the eighth grade room Monday. Samuel Kontizer is improving his barn by building an addition of two cow sheds. Mr. Smith doing the work. Mr. Buras has built a small building on his place.

A number arriving considering could send out a winter. E. Theobald is coming from California is visiting at his home. Mr. Atwood is considerably improved in health lately. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Von a daughter, a week ago Sunday.

CLARKS. Mr. Sullivan went to Southern Oregon to survey. Mr. Scherrable rented his farm to Mr. Larkins. Mr. Sullivan was in town last week on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall spent Sunday on Highland.

Adolph Haag left Monday for Idaho. Mr. Haag was in town last week. Mr. Lindau's family is on the sick list. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Bottemiller fixed up the telephone line on division 14 last Saturday. We had a cold spell but it is getting milder again.

Mr. H. KlienSmith sold some hogs last week. BORING. The cold weather has interfered with the operation of the sawmill plants of Jones Brothers and Mr. Palmer. The engines in the pipes of the men were frozen by this condition. The snow deep and does not disappear as quickly as was expected, and stockmen are forced to feed their animals, as the snow is so heavy it covers all the grass too deep for stock to be able to reach it.

Mrs. Sarah Enslay, living near this place, is seriously ill with erysipelas, and her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Wallace, of Portland, is here to wait on the patient. Grandma Wedler died Saturday at the family home, two miles from this place. The Wallace family is an old one in this section, and highly respected.

Ed Seifert has been reappointed road supervisor for Damascus precinct. He has held the place for a number of years. Emmet Donahue has been appointed deputy sheriff for Boring precinct. James Curi, of Haley, is seriously ill, and his daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Manes, of Portland, is at home to care for him until his recovery. Mr. Curi had a slight stroke of paralysis while in Portland on Saturday, and is expected to recover soon. A number of people from Boring and the surrounding country attended the Sunday school convention at Oregon City Saturday. J. W. Roots received his appointment as supervisor for Boring precinct.

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