

### TO MAKE NEW LAWS

#### Legislative Members as Yet Make Few Plans.

### LABOR MEASURES TO BE URGED

#### Senator Sweek Proposes That Corporations Shall Be Taxed Equitably—Lewis and Clark Appropriation.

Members of the Multnomah delegation to the Legislature are slow about putting on their thinking caps. They have not gotten together yet to form any plans, nor is there much tangible substance of concerted opinion floating about in the atmosphere. The weather is too warm for mental exercise just now; besides repose since election has been only six weeks long, and there are still over five months in which the lawmakers may work themselves up.

It is not likely that plans will get much beyond the embryonic stage before September. Two years ago the delegation did not come together until three months before the Legislature met. Now is vacation time, and not many ideas can be expected to incubate until it is past. The legislative associations interested in promoting laws are laboring under the same summer lassitude. Legislative committees of the labor organizations, notably of the Portland Federated Trades Council and the State Federation of Labor, are understood to have several ideas put away on ice until the weather gets cooler. The Taxpayers' League is the only organization that has brought itself out of storage and to unpack a flat of measures which it will advocate.

Senator Sweek is formulating a measure more equitable assessment and taxation of corporations. It is in no way hostile to corporations, neither will it infringe upon their privileges, but it will give a better apportionment of tax burdens. The corporate laws of this state are good, so far as they go, but they are regarded as not going far enough, as not having kept pace with the late development of corporations. Another measure talked of is one imposing a tax or license charge in proportion to the amount of capital stock of a company, in order to prevent abuses and dangers from "water." The amount of the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair is still in the uncertain stage. All the lawmakers agree that an appropriation should be made. But there is so much vagueness yet about the scope and magnitude of the fair that no proposals about it have any definiteness. "Since the Lewis and Clark Board have not settled this subject, we are as much in the dark as they are," said a lawmaker yesterday. A rumor has drifted up from Clatsop County that the question of an appropriation is linked with that of the United States Senatorship. But as the friends of the senatorship claim superiority over 50 votes in the Legislature, this rumor lacks consistency. As to a fireboat for Portland, the delegation is agreed that the immediate necessity for one warrants special tax.

A fellow-servant and liability act may be introduced, but it will be more moderate than those put forward at other sessions. Labor interests will probably work for a bill of this kind. Conservative counselors advise that such legislation be advanced little by little.

A State Board of Equalization has been suggested, but this is a general disposition to let the present law continue. Apportionment of taxes is based on the assessments of the several counties for the past five years, and is entirely arbitrary. The law is found to work well. It has been proposed that the County Assessment Boards be made up of taxpayers, rather than of those interested in making the assessments.

If there is any talk in favor of a Railroad Commission, it probably drifts over the state line from Washington, where such a body is to be a live issue of the next session.

Other measures suggested are those to limit the pay of County Commissioners to the actual number of days given to county business; to set a maximum limit on the amount of county expenditures; to permit county purchases without competitive contract, when the money outlay is under \$500; and to compel outside corporations doing business in Oregon to have a recognized agent in the state.

### TO RAISE FIREBOAT FUND

#### Committee Will Begin Soliciting for \$50,000.

The fireboat committee of the Chamber of Commerce will start in at once to raise \$50,000 for a fireboat. The committee will get down actively to work next week, and will solicit outside corporations having large property interests on the water front, and from them will work down. Inasmuch as the benefit from a fireboat will accrue to the water-front property, the committee believes the fund will be promptly forthcoming.

On the basis of the reduction in insurance promised by Alfred Stillman, secretary of the Board of Underwriters of the Pacific, the committee has been going over the risks of the largest insurance policies, and computing therefrom the probable saving that would come with a fireboat.

The committee has received unanimous assurance from members of the City Council and the Multnomah Legislative delegation that they will stand back of the scheme to reimburse property-owners who subscribe to the fund. This encouragement makes it certain that citizens who advance money will get it back, provided, of course, that the boat is first class in every respect. Under this plan the city will virtually be buying the boat. The grant of the Legislature to the city to buy the boat will be hedged in with the usual restrictions, and the Council will be empowered to levy a special tax. The committee has not yet drawn up the bill, and will not do so until property-owners show how they are disposed to the scheme.

Of course, whether the plan fails or not, the city will get a fireboat. But if the plan is followed out, it will save at least six months of time. The next Legislature will undoubtedly authorize a fireboat anyhow. But the present plan enables construction of a fireboat to begin as soon before the Legislature convenes as the money can be raised.

### Four Killed in a Riot.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 18.—News has been received here of a riot at Chicago, Cumberland County, tonight, which resulted in the death of two white men and two negroes and the wounding of a number of other persons. The dead are: John Barger, C. W. Bradshaw, both white, and Jim and Frank Wright, colored. The riot, according to Charles Barger, of Murphy, N. C., who passed through here today with the body of his brother, John Barger, resulted from a dispute over the refusal of the Chicago Land & Coal Company to allow negroes to work in the

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#### Gasoline Pipes on the Imperial Explode—Solitaire to the Rescue.

An explosion of gasoline pipes on the launch Imperial, from the Kellogg boat-house, placed the passengers on board in a perilous situation until rescued by the approach of Hunt Lewis with his electric launch Solitaire. The accident occurred last evening opposite Jones' sawmill, in South Portland. A crowd of about 20 young people were enjoying a moonlight boat party on the Willamette, when suddenly the gasoline pipes in the stern of the boat burst, and the after portion was almost immediately in flames.

The fire grew so hot that the party had to take refuge in the bow of the boat. By this time the young ladies in the party were becoming very excited, and a number of them wanted to jump overboard, but were restrained by the cooler heads of the young men present. Hunt Lewis, of the Portland Rowing Club, had a party on his launch, and also had a barge in tow. Seeing the danger of the occupants of the other boat, he immediately went to the rescue, and was able to transfer all the ladies to his boat.

Not all of the party could be taken by Mr. Lewis, so the gentlemen of the burning boat were forced to stay on and fight the fire. Upon the arrival of Mr. Lewis' boat at the clubhouse the Kellogg boat-house was informed of the accident and sent another launch to bring back the men and the burned boat. None of the occupants suffered any injury, but the launch was badly damaged. But for the timely arrival of the rescuing party the accident might have proved much more serious.

### HYPNOTIC CURES.

#### Result of Experiments in an English Insane Asylum.

#### London Hospital.

In a lecture delivered before the King's College Medical Society, Dr. Milne Bramwell gave an interesting sketch of the subject of hypnotism. Describing the experiments of Flour, who till recently was medical director of the Borough Asylum, and one of the professors of the University of Zurich, he said that he succeeded in hypnotizing nearly all his asylum attendants, both male and female, a large proportion of them becoming profound somnambulists. For 10 years experiments were made in regard to the use of hypnotism in the night watching of dangerous lunatics. Warders were hypnotized and trained to sleep by the bedside of these patients and to awake the instant they heard them attempt to get out of bed, the hypnotic suggestion being made use of to inhibit all sounds, which had no reference to the duty laid upon them, and it was found that warders so hypnotized could perform night duty for six months and work hard all day without showing signs of fatigue. The results of these experiments were, it is said, uniformly successful, and no accident of any kind occurred.

In regard to this and other applications of hypnotism, Dr. Bramwell refers to the method of Wetherstern, who, instead of restricting himself to suggestions made in the course of a short hypnotic trance, advocated the use of the hypnotic effects of prolonged hypnotic sleep. Wetherstern treated epilepsy and grave forms of nervous disorder by keeping the patient in a deeply hypnotized condition for four weeks. Without rousing them the patients were fed at stated intervals, and the action of the bowels and bladder were regulated by suggestion, and thus mental as well as physical rest was secured. In addition to such therapeutic advantages as might be gained by aid of suggestion.

Dr. Milne Bramwell says that, although the hypnotic cure of deeply hypnotized patients is not necessary for the successful employment of suggestion, and the number of persons susceptible to some degree of hypnotic influence is extremely small. Among other diseases he gives the following as those in which hypnotism has given good results: "Hysteria, neurasthenia, dipsomania, and other drug habits, obsessions, moral perversities and nervous tricks in children." He may add that, as far as the treatment of dipsomania is concerned, it seems not entirely impossible that some of the startling results which are said to have been obtained at certain institutions for the treatment of this condition may have been the outcome of an unacknowledged but none the less effectual application of hypnotic suggestion.

### RAPID RAILROAD BUILDING

#### The Sensation of Paris.

PARIS, July 18.—The personal encounter yesterday between the Prince de Sagan and Maitre Barbois, the well-known lawyer, is the leading topic of the day here. Prince de Sagan is Heléne Talleyrand-Perigord, whose brother, Baron, married Miss Helen Morton, of New York. He declares he only struck Maitre Barbois lightly in order to provoke a duel because he is Mme. de Gasté's fiance. He was summoned before a Magistrate today to explain his conduct, and will probably be punished by fine and imprisonment. Maitre Barbois, Mme. de Gasté, with whom the press and public generally sympathize, says she carried a horse whip hidden in her sunshade yesterday, and intended to whip Maitre Barbois, but the latter left the court by a side door.

### Americans Stoned by Japanese.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 18.—The Novoe Vremya publishes a dispatch from Seoul, Corea, which says that two American missionaries have been stoned and beaten on the line of the Seoul-Pusan Railway by Japanese laborers and that the Japanese Minister has expressed regret and promised severe punishment of the offenders.

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"Cement walks may never again be built at the low prices that prevail this year," said City Engineer Elliott yesterday afternoon. "It is probable that never again in the history of the city will the people of Portland have such an opportunity to lay concrete walks at low prices," said Deputy City Engineer Shannon, who has given eight years of his life to the solution of the sidewalk problem. "Cement is now low and lumber is high, and a stone walk which will last a lifetime will cost only double the price of a plank walk which will last about seven years."

That is the substance of the opinions of the two officers, who are well acquainted with street conditions, as they were given to a reporter in response to an inquiry yesterday afternoon. In fact, the inquiry was, whether the ordinance providing for walks of concrete, vitrified brick, etc., in the business district and the principal residence districts of the West Side, introduced in the Council by Mr. Rumelin, would be acceptable to the property-owners in those sections.

"I see no reason why it should not," said Mr. Elliott, "if it is expected that the different districts, we may have some trouble in convincing people that cement walks are cheaper than wood. A cement walk will be in good condition at the end of 20 years, while a plank walk will end its life at seven, under ordinary conditions. We must educate the people up to the point of the cheapness of the walks, and the sooner we do it the better. Some still think that wood is cheaper than cement. As a matter of fact it is cheaper when it is laid, but it is more costly in the long run. The wood has a life of about seven years. The cement will stand the wear and tear of 20 years and still be in good condition.

"The price of cement is lower than it has been for years. A six-foot walk, curb included, may be built at a cost of 90 cents per running foot, or a total tax of \$6 upon property having a frontage of 50 feet. Some of our late bids for wooden walks show that the lumber can be furnished at 37 cents per running foot for six-foot walks, or 30 cents for 12-foot walks. For a six-foot walk the cost would be about \$3.50 for the lumber alone. The nails would cost \$1.50, and the labor of one man for three days, at a wage of \$3.50 per diem, would mean an additional expense of \$10.25, making a total of \$15.25, or only \$1.50 less than the cost of a cement walk."

"It is not probable that the people will ever again have the opportunity to secure cement walks at such a low price," said Deputy City Engineer Shannon. "During the financial depression the cement quotations were twice as high as they are at present, but competition has caused a reduction, and each dealer has his own figures. The cement which comes to Portland is from different countries, but is of practically the same grade. No," he said in answer to a question, "the dealers will hardly be able to combine in order to raise prices. All their material comes from foreign countries, and they could not enter very well into any such combination as that of the local lumbermen."

Mr. Rumelin said that if the Rumelin ordinance passes it will be enforced to the letter. He and his deputies would see that the contractors complied strictly with the provisions of the ordinance, and provided for would be laid as required.

There is some opposition to the ordinance by property-owners in the district named by the ordinance, and even Councilman Rumelin expects that there will be a fight made against it when it is brought before the street committee, on August 1. Mr. Rumelin is now at the coast, but a friend of his says that he is well prepared for any opposition that may develop.

### Neckwear Pricing

That should find many purchasers—Neckwear prices that almost compel buying—Stylish, seasonable neckwear at marvelous low prices—Scores bought yesterday—More will buy today.

A great lot of ladies' Turnovers in desirable colors and combinations, all sizes, 20c kind at 14c; the 35c kind at 18c

Ladies' Wash Ties and Stocks of fine lawns, all the best colors 18c

All the 75c Croats in the best materials, patterns and colorings 50c

Wash Stocks and Collars in lawns and piques, best colors, great bargains 30c

### Infants' Wear

Some values that will please fond mothers—A big saving on every item.

Fancy long Dresses, embroidery, tucked and lace trimmed, assorted styles 85 cts.

Infants' plain Slips of fine cambries and nainsooks, embroidery or lace trimmed neck and sleeves 42c

Infants' long cambrie Skirt, tucked or lace trimmed 1.05

Infants' long Skirt, lace trimmed, pretty styles 80c

### Ladies' Aprons

Ladies' black and white checked gingham Aprons, bib, ruffle should- 35c

Ladies' white Aprons, bib, ruffle over shoulders, 45c

### Children's Wash Dresses

Look at these Wash Dresses for the miss 4 to 12 years of age, full of daintiness and style and at such trifling cost. You will not hesitate long to get this part of the sewing off your mind.

Children's Gingham Dresses in blue, pink or rose, Mother Hubbard and waist styles, sizes 1 to 10 yrs., great bargain 89c

Children's Percale Dresses in dark blue and red, sizes 2 to 4 yrs., prettily made and trimmed, big value 39c

Children's Crash and Percale Sailor Suits, sizes 4 to 14 years, pretty, serviceable styles, great bargains at 98c

### Olds, Wortman & King

#### Special Sale Announcements on Page 3...

Ladies' Neckwear, 65c to \$1.00 values, at 37c

Men's and Boys' Hats, 40c and 60c qualities, for 11c

## Meier & Frank Company

Peerless Ice Cream Freezers in all sizes—The best freezer we know of, and very moderately priced.

Artistic Picture Framing to your order—Immense variety of new Moldings—(Second floor).

### New arrivals in 2-clasp White Silk Gloves for ladies, 50c a pair.

Ping Pong, the new lawn and porch game, \$1.25 to \$10. Third floor.

Store open tonight until 9:30; usual Concert on the Third Floor.

## Book Store

There's an attractive bargain list in the Book store for today—Summer reading at unusually low prices.

New copyrights in paper binding, King of Honey Island, by Thompson; Norman Holt, by Capt. King; John Winslow, by Northrup, and scores of others, originally sold at \$1.50 in cloth binding, 39c

Dorothy Vernon, paper edition 50c

10,000 paper books, hundreds of the best titles by leading authors, copy 10c

5000 sheets of new Music, vocal and instrumental, most popular pieces of the day, great bargains at, 5c

Full line of the famous Waterman Ideal Fountain Pens, at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

Story of Mary MacLane as told by herself, \$1.08.

## Shoe Sale

Additional service in the shoe store today so there won't be any trouble securing prompt and satisfactory attention if you desire to take advantage of the greatest shoe bargains ever placed on sale in the city—Summer Footwear for ladies', men and children at the smallest prices ever quoted.

Ten styles in ladies' Oxfords, kid or cloth tops and southern ties; "Viol" kid, with kid or patent \$1.65

tips, all sizes; regular \$2.50 values at, pair

Ladies' handsome Oxfords, in patent leathers, velour calf or patent kid, heavy or light sole, best style toe, all sizes; exceptional values at, pair \$1.95

Ladies' Colonial Ties, patent kid or patent calf Bluechers, very latest style, all sizes; the regular \$5 qualities, during this sale, pair \$3.85

All our \$3.00 Oxfords, best styles, all leathers, pair \$2.35

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leathers, pair

Misses' Tan Shoes .90c and \$1

Men's \$5 Shoes \$3.50 pr

Boys' \$2.50, \$3.50 Shoes, pair \$1.65

Men's \$3.00 and \$3.50 low Shoes, pr \$2.15

Ladies' Oxfords, odds and ends, tan and blacks, \$1.00

## Toilet Articles

Hot weather Toilet Articles at exceptionally low prices.

Mennen's Talcum Powder, 12c.

Armour's Soaps, 3 odors, 3 cakes in box, 18c bx.

Woodbury's Facial Powder, 19c.

Colgate's Dental Powder, 15c.

Sheffield's Cream Paste, 35c.

Eastman's Almond Lotion, 19c

Rubifoon, bottle, 15c.

Hind's Almond and Cream, 29c.

Pinaud's Toilet Water, 51c.

Fairy Soap, cake 4c.

With Hazel, bottle, 13c.

Last day of the Great Sale of Stationery.

## Muslin Underwear

Today all our \$3 and \$3.50 Hammocks for \$2.39—(Third floor)

Special lines of dainty Muslin Underwear greatly underpriced for today—Values are the most interesting since the great June white sale—Those who have needs to supply in cotton Underwear will do well to take advantage of the following splendid offerings:

A big lot of pretty Corset Covers, in assorted styles, lace or embroidery trimmed, all sizes, 35c ea

The reg. 50c and 60c values are yours for

Ladies' Gowns, trimmed in lace or embroidery, long or short sleeves, assorted styles, made of finest materials, values up to \$3.50 are yours for \$2.15

Ladies' Cambric Drawers, fancy ruffles, lace trimmed, very pretty styles, big values 30c

Ladies' White Petticoats, lace and embroidery trimmed, pretty styles \$1.57

Ladies' Drawers in a big variety of styles, plain lace or embroidery trimmed, big value 40c

Ladies' short Chemise, lace and embroidery styles, fine material, at 68c

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## Shirtwaists

All the high-class ones in white and colors have been reduced far below cost—(Second floor)

## Men's Wear

Men's Summer Clothing and Furnishing Goods—Just the apparel you want most these pleasant July days at about one-half the regular value.

Men's Negligee Shirts of striped Madras, best patterns and colorings, attached collars, all sizes, at 59c

Men's Imperial Four-in-Hands of mercerized Madras, 25c 2 for 25c and 50c value

Men's Madras, Batwing and Butterfly Ties, best patterns, 25c 2 for 25c and 35c kind

Wash Band Bows, Bat Ties, Shield Bows, large assortment of patterns, at 5c each

40 dozen Men's Colored Shirts, stiff bosom, cuffs to match; 30 dozen soft Golf Shirts, cuffs to match, leading styles, sizes 14 to 17, best value of the year, 63c

Men's 2-piece heavy cotton Bathing Suits, blue with red or white trimmings \$1.08

Men's wool cassimere Suits, in good styles, best makes and trimmings, suits that the exclusive clothier asks \$10 for we sell at \$6.85

Men's all-wool fancy worsteds, unfinished worsteds and fancy chevots, styles the exclusive clothier asks you \$20 for we sell at \$12.85

Men's fine gray alpaca Summer Coats and Vests, all sizes, best material, big bargain \$2.85

## Pillow Tops 25c

About 175 of those handsome Pillow Tops and back remaining—Made of fine quality ticking, in tan and black, and are very handsome, working in the same colorings as samples on display—Just the thing to take along on your vacation—See window display.

ENVELOPES—The new note paper and envelope combined, white and colored paper, just the thing to take on your vacation 35c

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