

EDDY AND HIS RAGE

Tillamook Legislator Hopes to be Speaker.

HIS VIEWS ON LEGISLATION

Discusses Fair Bill, State Land Board Affairs, Taxation of Corporations, Forestry and Dairy Laws.

"No," said B. L. Eddy yesterday, "I don't think the legislative session will last over 40 days. You see there's no pay coming after that," and the Tillamook legislator smiled.

"And even lawmakers don't like to work for nothing," he was asked.

"Well, they're like other folks, especially after a hard grind of 40 days," and 40 nights," sufficed the interviewer.

Mr. Eddy nodded silently and offered a cigar.

"Thank you, but I don't use 'em," responded the reporter.

Mr. Eddy's face wore a look of surprise and then of approval and he said:

"Neither do I, but I keep them for my friends."

The newspaper man was delighted at this and took courage to begin the siege in dead earnest. When will the Senatorial fight be settled?" he asked.

"I really don't know," responded the gentleman, as the smile faded from his countenance. Then the sunshine returned and he said:

"Ask Mr. Fulton; he's an authority on this question. He ought to know."

"But isn't Mr. Geer an authority?"

"Why, certainly. When will the fight be settled?" he asked.

"Mr. Geer thinks it is settled already."

Though puzzled, the interviewer could not suppress a grin, while the legislator in a diplomatic smile from Mr. Eddy. Then the assailant squared off again:

"But isn't Mr. Hermann an authority also?"

"I don't know," responded the Tillamook legislator. "I hear by the newspapers that he is, but I have received no direct information from him."

"Will Mr. Fulton be elected?"

"Really, I can't say nor anticipating the next thrust of the reporter can I foresee the outcome of Mr. Geer's candidacy."

Mr. Eddy's watch and chain ticked very loud in the silence that intervened—louder even than were the thoughts that darted by wireless telephony between the eyes of the interviewer and interviewee.

How About the Speakership?

"Will you be elected Speaker?"

Mr. Eddy modestly replied that he did not know, but that he hoped to be—in fact that he hoped strongly and had good assurance of success.

"Will Dr. Smith or Mr. Brownell be President of the Senate?"

"That's outside of my orbit," responded Mr. Eddy. "I don't mix up in that contest. I have troubles of my own and let the other fellows attend to them."

"They seem to have them," commented the listener, and Mr. Eddy winked affirmatively.

Good Outlook for the Fair.

"How about the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair?"

Mr. Eddy's face brightened quickly as he saw the conversation was taking an auspicious turn. He settled back in his chair and replied:

"It will be passed promptly."

"Early in the session?"

"Yes, right away."

"So that the example of Oregon will appeal to other Western Legislatures which meet this month?"

"Yes."

"Shouldn't riders to the bill?"

"They should not be tolerated."

"Do you think a referendum will be required?"

Mr. Eddy said that this question would be answered by the development of events. He thought it advisable for the fair bill to contain a provision for a special election should a referendum be required.

"The fair bill as already drafted contains such a provision."

"So I understand," responded Mr. Eddy.

"Will the Legislature require a referendum or will it leave this question to the people?"

"The Legislature will speak for itself on this question. I shall advocate that it be left to the people. I don't think they thought the referendum would not be urged in the Legislature."

May Investigate State Land Board.

"Will the Legislature investigate the work of the Land Board?"

"I may have heard from several sources that an investigation may be proposed. The Legislature may decide to look into the difficulties which have arisen. But I have no knowledge of them other than what I have gained from the newspapers."

"And if there has been no fraud nor lax business methods, the investigation will not be resented?"

"Yes, that's it," responded Mr. Eddy, quickly, yet significantly.

"How about taxation of corporations?"

Mr. Eddy again welcomed a new turn in the conversation. He spread his fingers in front of him, crossed his legs again, and at the request of the sketch artist tilted his head a little more to the left. Then he responded:

"It seems to be well understood that the Legislature will endeavor to shift a large burden of taxation on corporations. I think the corporations will not oppose a reasonable change."

"Yes, but don't they have their own idea about what is reasonable?"

"I do not believe there will be a contest in the matter. The corporations expect to pay a larger proportion of taxes. Oregon will be merely falling in line with other states."

"And the Legislature will do nothing identical to corporate interests?"

"I prefer the word 'unjust' to 'inimical.' The Legislature will not be unjust to corporations."

"Of course," resumed Mr. Eddy, "we cannot expect to tax corporations in as large proportion as does the State of New York, for example. In that state there are many corporations which do business over the entire country."

"And these should pay more than they are now doing for the privilege of operating in Oregon?" suggested the interviewer.

Mr. Eddy nodded assentingly, and went on:

To Tax Intangible Assets.

"A system should be devised so as to tax intangible assets. For example, the stock of a company is frequently of more market value than the actual property or equipment of the company. This comes from the franchise or the privilege of doing business. It is an intangible asset, and in many cases very valuable."

Mr. Eddy admitted that a tax system to collect revenue from such sources might be cumbersome, but he saw no better way to attain the end desired.

"However," he continued, "these details are yet to be worked out. We now have a general idea, and it yet has to take definite shape."

"Since what is to be decided upon, how to do it is the real issue—is that right?"

"Just so," responded Mr. Eddy. "The end is in view. The means of that end are yet to be devised."

"By what might the tax be assessed?"

capital stock or gross receipts, or tangible property or—"

"Solution of this problem is yet to come, and I don't make overtures by experience of other states. Secretary of State Dunbar has made a very admirable report on the subject." Then, after a pause, Mr. Eddy said: "In my opinion a law taxing corporations should be a general one, without special reference to railroad or oil or telegraph or other companies."

"Well, Mr. Eddy," broke in the sketch artist, awakening from his study, "if you are going to tax the Pullman Company, I wish you'd base the tax upon the price of an upper berth."

"I fear I don't appreciate your request," laughed the Tillamook legislator. "Over in our county we don't have Pullmans."

"You're to be congratulated," was the response, but Mr. Eddy didn't seem to think so. This stage was sometimes very slow and dreary.

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To provide more room, and also to meet accruing interest on \$12,000 worth of bonds and other expenses, is the financial problem the voters will have to solve. The board of directors will make some recommendation along these lines. The district, although generally making heavy tax levies, has never paid off any of the bonds issued for the erection of the present building. Principal Bowland reports the attendance of pupils at 200, and the enrollment at over 250.

TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL.

Dr. R. P. Chambers, of East Side, Has a Serious Attack.

Dr. R. P. Chambers, a well-known East Side physician, was taken suddenly ill Saturday and had to be removed to hospital. It was feared that a surgical operation would be necessary, and preparations were made to perform it. Later there was a change for the better. Yesterday he was able to get up.

CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER OF THE OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.



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FUNERAL OF MRS. LUCRETIA JUNE.

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East Side Notes.

The Alumni Association of the Sunny-side School will be organized tomorrow evening at the schoolhouse.

Prayer services will be held in Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

The annual reunion of the Sellwood Volunteer Firemen will be held in the firemen's hall Saturday night. Preparations are being made for this event.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Hansen, of St. John, have gone to Butte, Mont., in response to a telegram announcing the fatal injury of their son-in-law, John Walker, while working in a smelter.

DOCTORS UNDER FIRE.

Thirteen Applicants Face State Board of Medical Examiners.

"Why does the blood flow faster through the arteries than it would through a metallic tube of the same diameter?" asked the examiner.

Thirteen applicants for licenses to practice medicine in Oregon wrote rapid answers to the question before which the State Board of Medical Examiners was sitting yesterday. The questions were of a practical nature, and the applicants were given ten minutes to answer each one.

The State Board of Medical Examiners began its regular semi-annual examination in a room of the Portland Business College yesterday. Thirteen applicants applied for permission to take the examination. Many of them had practiced medicine in other states, and one candidate, Dr. N. R. Luther, graduated from an Eastern college in 1877, but has been a practicing physician in King's county, Oregon, for many years. Dr. Luther, living in a remote part of the state, did not come to the examination. The other twelve were present.

The examination was conducted by Dr. W. E. Carr. "About the principal practical benefit which has been derived from the restrictions laid on the practice of medicine," said he, "is the rapid weeding out of the medical faker and quack. It is seldom that a graduate of any reputable school fails to pass our examination. The questions are not framed to catch or puzzle the candidates, but merely to denote to the public that a proper knowledge of their profession is required."