

MINIMUM WAGE BILL DISCUSSED

Representatives of Employed and Employes Present Arguments to Senators.

SUBSTITUTE IS SUBMITTED

All Agree Law Is Needed, but Employers Urge That Definite Salary Scale Be Fixed—Malarkey Measure Is Favored.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28. The lives, health and morals of women and minor workers of Oregon, as they are a duty of that state to protect...

Over 50 persons were here from Portland, including employers, employees and those who are working for the interests of the employees.

President Malarkey, of the State Senate, rallied warmly to the defense of his bill and the proposition that the women and minor workers of this state are entitled to protection under the sanctity of the law.

Employers Open in Statements. By and large, the members of committee of the employers were open in their statements...

Ex-United States Senator Gearin answered these objections by pointing out their fallacy and that in fact they are not objections...

Industry Self-Supporting. "Industry must be self-supporting," he asserted. "When it is not self-supporting it becomes a parasite upon society."

A substitute bill was presented for consideration to the employers. This bill fixes a definite minimum wage, which the Malarkey bill does not.

The Malarkey bill, in the conference mentioned, provides that it shall act as sort of arbitration committee when it is determined that any particular class of workers, falling under the bill, are engaged in their industry on a wage condition.

Investigation Work Toid. W. H. Barker, a member of the committee of the Consumer's League, and Miss Caroline Gleason, who had charge of the investigators in the work carried on in Portland, spoke of the results that have been obtained from the investigation.

The question of efficiency in connection with the determination of a minimum wage entered largely into the discussion as applicable to the findings that may be made by the conference committee provided for in the Malarkey bill.

McArthur Announces Men to Investigate Branch Asylum.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28. (Special.)—While President Malarkey has not yet finally determined on his choice of the senators who will serve on the joint committee of the Legislature to investigate the Eastern Oregon branch insane hospital at Pendleton, Speaker McArthur made his appointments public today.

On the House end of the committee will be Abbott, Anderson (Wasco), Graves, Hagood, Hughes, Massey, Porter, Smith and Westerland.

This junket, in a number of respects, will be one of the most important of the session. Two years ago the Eastern Oregon asylum and its location was the one grand pinhead of the session around which revolved all other pyrotechnics.

CONSPIRACY LAW IS WANTED. McCulloch Will Introduce Bill at Request of W. H. Evans.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28. (Special.)—On a request of Walter H. Evans, District Attorney of Multnomah county, Senator McCulloch, of Baker, will introduce a conspiracy bill in the Senate tomorrow.

was made that the Oregon code is misnamed a conspiracy statute. The bill provides that any persons who conspire to commit a crime or to defraud the State five years in the penitentiary or from two months to one year in the county jail.

IRELAND SITUATION PLEASES

Murnane Wants Legislature to Offer Congratulations. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28. (Special.)—The gratification of a true son of the "old sod" in the prospect of home rule for Ireland, is expressed in a resolution introduced in the House today by Representative Murnane of Multnomah.

Whereas, from the establishment of the Government of these United States, beginning with the Continental Congress, recorded from time to time in later congresses and different State Legislatures, resolutions of sympathy and encouragement have been passed...

PIONEER OF 1846 IS LAID TO REST AT SILVERTON.



Mrs. Peter W. Bowen, SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Funeral services for Mrs. Peter W. Bowen, a pioneer of 1846, who died Friday, January 24, were held at the Bethany Christian Church, of which organization she had been a member since 1855, Sunday afternoon.

sent to the people of Ireland, the descendants of whom form and may such active and common life of today in all things making it our country's good.

He is resolved by the House Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, that we heartily congratulate the Hon. John E. Reardon, leader of the Irish Parliamentary party, and through him the people of Ireland and Great Britain, upon the happy news that the bond of legislative freedom for Ireland has been broken.

BILLS REVISING CODE READY

Member of Governor's Special Commission Prepares 3 Changes. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28. (Special.)—Three bills emanating from the commission to revise the judicial system, named by the Governor, have been prepared for introduction by Senator Butler, who was a member of that committee.

One of these bills permits a judgment to be entered on a demurrer and for an appeal to be taken on that judgment.

Another provides that when a demurrer is interposed on the ground that an action has not been commenced within the time limited by the code to provide for a strong line to be drawn, if such demurrer is overruled and is answered on the question of the statute of limitations is not raised, the code to provide that it is possible to join in the same action causes which have resulted to persons, property or character arising at the same time and out of the same act.

POLICE MAKE A PLAIN

JUDGE DISMISSES CASE WHEN OFFICER IS ABSENT.

Arbitrary Treatment Alleged as Compared With That Accorded to Lawyers by Court.

Echoes of a war between F. W. Graves and the taxicab companies, in which the music dealer was arrested on a charge of violating the traffic ordinance at the Helling Theater, were heard in the Municipal Court yesterday when W. P. Richardson, who appeared as Mr. Graves' attorney, was arrested for a like offense, by the same officer who had been charged with the arrest.

On account of a misunderstanding, Patrolman Frey, who made the arrest, was not in court yesterday when the defendant had been arraigned and dismissed, "for lack of prosecution."

The police complain that the court is at all times arbitrary in forcing the prompt appearance of policemen, but is not equally so with the lawyers. They assert that an officer who may have been at work all night, or who may be detained on some emergency case, is penalized by prompt dismissal, while lawyers may obtain continuances on the most meager excuses, forcing policemen to come to court time after time.

The offense charged against Mr. Richardson, was heading his automobile into the traffic and allowing it to stop in front of the Helling Theater at a time when the evening crowd were arriving. Mr. Richardson denies that he obstructed traffic, but admits that his car was facing the wrong way.

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FIGHT TO BE MADE ON INSURANCE CODE

Restrictions Proposed on Interinsurance Meet Vigorous Protest.

BILL IS DEEMED MENACE

At Meeting of Senate Committee Tonight Delegation From Portland Will Set Forth Objections to Measure.

Vigorous protests against those provisions of the proposed insurance code relating to the restrictions it places on interinsurance or private insurance between firms, individuals and corporations, will be made before the Senate insurance committee tonight.

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JAIL WOMAN'S LOT

Mrs. J. B. Wood, Seattle, Convicted at Vancouver, B. C.

SENTENCE HEARD BRAVELY

Defendant in Fashionable Clothes Smiles at Court as Punishment for Being Accomplice to Thefts is Meted Out.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 28.—Standing erect in fashionable attire and smiling pleasantly at the court, Mrs. James B. Wood, well-known yachtswoman of Seattle, found guilty a fortnight ago of having been an accomplice in stealing two motorboat engines from Charles R. Gordon, of Vancouver, received sentence from Judge McInnes, his honor ordered her to be incarcerated in jail for a year.

MEMORIAL REPORT MADE

Cost of Proposed George H. Williams Statue \$7000 to \$25,000.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The committee appointed by Governor West to secure information concerning the proposed statue of George H. Williams at to be erected in the National Capitol at Washington has reported, and recommends the appropriation of \$7000 or \$8000 if a bust statue be decided upon, or \$25,000 for full length. The report submits the estimates of different sculptors for the various styles of work.

BOND ISSUE WILL BE UP

Vote on School Proposition Will Take Place February 1.

On February 1 there will be a special election at the School Clerk's office in the Tilford building, Morrison and Tenth streets, between the hours of 1 and 4 P. M., to determine upon the proposed issue of \$1,000,000 school bonds. Only taxpayers may vote.

BUREAU SERVICE TO BE DISCOURAGED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—A campaign in the House to prevent the promotion of Army officers whose service has been largely confined to office work in the War Department was inaugurated today.

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FAY KING COMING HOME

MRS. "BAT" NELSON TO VISIT PARENTS IN PORTLAND.

Prizefighter-Husband Has Couple of Bouts to Take Care Of and Then He is Expected to "Drop In."

Mrs. Fay King Nelson, formerly Miss Fay King, of Portland, the young artist who started her folk by suddenly wedding Battling Nelson last Thursday at Hegewisch, is coming home to her mother for a visit.

Mr. King does not know how long his daughter will remain at home, but she will likely be here several weeks. King also looks for the proud husband to hasten westward to play a prodigious season at some time next month.

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