

WOMAN BEFORE CONGRESS

Mrs. Colby Addresses Committee Urging Suffrage in Federal Elections.

MANY STAND AT HEARING

Are Women "People?" Spokeswoman of Delegation Asks—Mrs. Lockwood Says There Is Precedent for Action.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Jan. 31.—A hearing was held today by the House committee on Presidential elections on the bill introduced by Representative French, of Idaho, at the behest of Mrs. Clara B. Colby, of Portland, Or., permitting women to vote in Congressional elections.

The principal arguments before the committee were made by Mrs. Colby, who frankly admitted to the committee that the legislation was desired, not alone to give woman a voice in the selection of members of Congress, but in the hope that such a law would provide the opening wedge for general woman suffrage.

Constitutional Amendment Sought. Mrs. Colby contended that inasmuch as Congress has full power over election of its own members, and as women, under repeated decisions of courts, were citizens, there could be no valid objection to the bill.

Mrs. Colby opened the hearing with a plea for the amendment of the Constitution, prohibiting the states from disfranchising citizens because of sex.

While there are but few veterans to lend our fight," she said, "there are myriads of equally determined and devoted followers."

Are Women "People?" Is Asked. "Our efforts are a lasting record of delay that have made sport of the earnest and dignified efforts of women to gain their political freedom. We shall continue as long as is necessary. The Constitution says that representatives shall be chosen by the people of the several states. Are women 'people'?" Are women 'citizens'?" These are questions for you to decide.

Mrs. Colby called attention to the fact that there were 25 members of the House from states having equal suffrage.

Pastor Heads Delegation. Heading the petitioners was Rev. Mr. Brown, of Racine, Wis., president of the Federated Women's Equality League of the United States, and with them were a dozen members of Congress, including Representatives from each of the nine equal suffrage states.

The hearing was held in the largest of the House committee rooms, which was almost filled to its capacity before the stenographers in the building began to desert their offices and join in the demonstration.

Mrs. Belva Lockwood Replies. Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, Hayden, of Arizona, Baker, of California, Lafferty, of Oregon and others, told the committee of the success of equal suffrage in their states.

Representative Tribble, of Georgia, questioned the right of the Federal Government to establish franchise rights in the states, and drew a vigorous reply from Mrs. Belva Lockwood, who declared that it was not a speculative question, but an established fact that there was precedent for a Federal amendment to the Constitution granting the suffrage to women.

MAN SCORNS SALARY DUE

Station Agent Flees When He Learns Wife Is on Trail.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—John M. Locke, who for two months has been Northern Pacific station agent at Littell, a sawmill town four miles west of Chehalis, hurriedly left town Saturday. Locke was in such a hurry to leave, according to reports, that he failed to wait to be checked out by the proper officer of the company, and failed to wait until he could draw some \$30 in wages said to be due him.

Locke, who is 33 years old, came here with a young woman, whom he introduced as his wife, and who said that the man has a wife and 7-year-old daughter, and that recently she started inquiry as to his whereabouts.

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opened and long before. Abbott, who introduced his bill and who, through personal friendship and other connections, has long been one of Dunway's chief knights in the legislative game, is also chairman of the House ways and means committee.

Big Lever Is Abbott's. This gives him a big lever. In addition he is also one of the most influential members in the Multnomah delegation. If indications come for anything, the flat salary law seems to be doomed and Dunway has a backing that is apparently impregnable.

Dunway has almost completed a report which will go before the members of the Legislature. This report will give facts, figures and statements as to the printing business ever since Dunway has been in the printing office. It will show alleged jugglery which has been carried on by the state printing fund by throwing into the fund all sorts and classes of incidents, which have caused the total expense accredited to the fund to mount up into enormous sums, when as a matter of fact, the real amount of money spent for printing has been but a fraction of that which has appeared in the printing fund.

This fight also promises to develop some bitter hostilities.

Dunway and West at Odds. Dunway and Governor West are at odds. The Executive is anxious to have a part in the actual control of the printing office, as well as to carry out some personal grievances which have caused difficulties in the past. In addition, he believes that the printing office under the present system has cost the state too much. Dunway, on the other hand, says he is prepared to show that the printing now is decidedly cheaper than ever, and as well as a state-owned printing plant with an army of paid political retainers to back it up.

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will go to Portland from Seattle and meet with the others at the Imperial. The Washington delegation comprises Senators Leonard and McGowan, Representatives Brooks, Stewart and Rowland.

But this committee will give as much attention as it can to the prison and go into the entire management and administration of affairs concerning the convicts and the new policies which have been adopted, as well as in relation to the finances of the institution. Charges, which have been frequently made, as well as the invitation of the Governor to go into the affairs of the prison thoroughly have caused the committee to make preparations for an examination as is possible under the conditions. The members of this investigating committee are Senators Hollis and Hagdale and Representatives Lewelling, Smith and Laughlin.

The investigating committee of the State Industrial School will also start on its labor tomorrow. Members of this committee are Senators Lester and Stewart and Representatives McDonald, Spencer and Brunk.

BILLS SWAMP LEGISLATURE

Introductions to Stop by 25th Day, but Hope Is Lost Already.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—That the House will be in session until March 1 is possible, occurred in a Senate resolution calling for the final introduction of bills by the 25th day of the session, except by a four-fifths vote of the members. The House, however, will retain its previous decision to stop the list of bills on its 20th day, except by such a vote. It occurred in order to assist the Senate in making the rule for that branch of the Legislature Assembly.

Were all of the bills introduced now it would be impossible for proper attention to be given them. It is declared that so many measures are up for action that it is probable that a very large number of them will never be reported out of committee, and if fortunate enough to be reported out, will never pass through either branch of the Legislature for sheer lack of time.

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