LADY LEGISLATOR HAS NO PET BILLS

Marion Towne Interested in Legislation Along Moral and Educational Lines.

SHE HAS AMBITIONS, TOO

Lawmaker Is Dear Little Girl With Big. Unafraid, Dusky Eyes and Dimple-She Says She Didn't Kiss Bables of Voters.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. BY LEONE CASS RABE.

"And did you kies all the babies of gossible voters." I maked the only woman elected legislator in Orcgon.
"I did not," she calmiy said, "Bables can't vote."

"Well, you surely praised the cooking of their mothers." I insisted, loth to set tumbling all my illusions of the votes exter.

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"I did not." The only woman legishtor rimpled (aye, she has a rimple) and smiled widely. "I did not praise their food, for I wasn't asked to stay for dinner. Instead, the housewife usually latched the screen door and I told her through its meshes that I was seeking office. The only promise I made in my entire campaign is a doorbell for every home where I calloused my knuckles rapping on the door. Other than this I made no promises, but balanced myself so nicely on the fence that I became afraid I'd never be able to express an opinion again." fence that I became afraid I'd neve be able to express an opinion again."

Bath Delays Interview.

She had been late for the interview, had this pocket edition of law and order. Over the telephone a cool, unperturbed voice with a delicious note of you-can-run-away-if-you-want-to-I-don't-care had told me that even if The Oregonian didn't go to press Marion R. Towne was having a splash inher tub and the affirirs of state could go hang until she was finished. So I cooled my heels in the Benson Hotel lobby and waited for the great, big, husky, masculine, short-haired, hobnail-booted, khaki-clad brute to come on down. Bath Delays Interview.

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She Has No Pet Bills.

She has no pet projects or bills of her own, she says, but she its intensely interested in all of the legislation along moral and educational lines.

"There are certain things among them," she says, "which will never be done unless women do them. Our educational system is so poor in Oregon. We rank just above the Southern states, and there the percentage of illiteracy is very great. It seems strange that our lawmakers will refuse to see that a splendid school system will be one of the greatest attractions to bring people to Oregon to locate permanently. locate permanently.
"One of the funniest phases that has

developed in this campaign is that after all these years of man's legislation, they think that one woman will revolutionize the entire lawmaking machinery. No one woman can do what is expected of her, but she can be an opening wedge. I want to be a wedge.

Miss Towne made a house-to-house campaign, visiting three-fourths of the homen in the Rozue River Valley.

"I worked with women, and they helped me most. Naturally, if I met a man, I recognized that he also had a vote. I've associated with men a great deal all my life, and in spite of it I still have a quite profound respect for them."

don't want people to get the idea I don't want people to get the idea that I think I have a political future, went on the only lady legislator, "but, well I like to look forward. The desire to have a hand in making the laws came to me just as it does to men office-seekers. I had always been self-supporting, and in the years I worked in the Courthouse I saw a great many defects in the law and the lawmaking system.

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"After I had completed my law course at the University of Michigan I heard the call stronger than ever. And now I shall not rest until I realize one of my two big, definite ambitions, to be either a prosecuting attorney or a juvenile court judge."

Miss Towne says that during her campaign she talked mostly about unnecessary laws and freak legislation.

"I told the people I would come up here and prevent all I could of it. And a few laws will find me on the fighting line. For instance, the compulsory education law is not sufficiently strictly enforced. I shall put in my wee our there during my 40 days in the spotlight."

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The Honorable Marion Towne has a gixth sense. It is her rare "liuminating" sense of humor. She reads scientific books until she has concentrated, till she's cray, she says, and then goes on a fiction spree, with worse than Laura Jean Libby's worst. Her youngest ambition was to be a bareback circus rider, and even new Blackstone goes careening out of her Portia-like head when the fanfare of the circus bugles sound. She is her own stenographer, but says she can never hope to be really famous because nowhere in her biography can she write, "At the ago of so-and-so she taught the village school."

She can dance, but thinks the Legislature can worry along without seeing her do it, and she can make wonderful mayonnaise dressing. Her culinary accomplishments begin and end with the mavonnaise Neither can she spin. Her sole piece de resistance with the needle is a pair of pillow slips.

"Housekeeping and homemaking rightly performed is one of the greatest fields for women," opines the lady legislator, "but no woman can be a Jark-of-all-professions."

Miss Towne has made her own way and has financed her own ventures, "Oh, the advice that came in after my election." she laughed, as she recalled it. "Do this," says someone, because someone else does it. I won't, say i. The person who goes forward is the one who does the things someone else hasn't done.' I will need a lot of advice along the line of procedure, but when it comes to how I'll yote or my attitude on different hills, I'll get along by myself, and nicely, thank you."

OREGON'S FIRST WOMAN MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE.



10-YEAR SUITOR WINS

ALYS M'KEY BRYANT FULFILLS PACT WITH J. W. CALLOW,

Promise Made When Sweetheart War in Boston's Crew Recalled After a Decade of Waiting.

rimonially inclined and she was single she would marry him. Callow watched and waited, while she took up aviation, married Aviator Johnny Bryant in 1913 and became a widow in Victoria in September of the same year and then, after her grief was spent alone, he appeared, reminded her of the pact and won.

BANK'S FIRST DAY GOOD Officials of New State Concern at Centralia Are Placed.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Spe-

Irrigation Congress Here May See Battle Over Proposed Indorsement of Plan.

CROOK COUNTY DIVIDED

Delegations to Press Claims of Particular Sections Asking for Federal and State Aid to Develop Projects.

A bitter fight is due at the Irrigation Congress in Portland this week over the plan to indorse the Ferris bill, now pending before the National Senate. There is a general disposition on the part of Oregon ir igationists to con-demn the Ferris bill, which provides

demn the Ferris bill, which provides for Federal control of water power and water resources to the evident detriment of the irrigation interests.

But it is understood that Secretary Lane, of the Federal Interior Department, is the real author of the bill, and those arid districts of Oregon that are in real need of irrigation do not want to go on record against it for fear that their hostile attitude would Jeopardize their chances of obtaining Federal assistance on future irrigation work.

Crook County Is Divided. This is true particularly of the Crook County delegates, who are split into two hostile camps not only on their attitude on the Ferris bill, but on the question of irrigation in Crook County

day that if the Crook County people or the other of their plans they are in a fair way of getting no action from a fair way of getting no action from the irrigation meeting at all. The fight on the Ferris bill is interwoven closely with the Crook County contest.

Since Secretary Lane has announced that he will not oppose an appropriation of \$400,009 or \$500,000 or

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of practical politics to take a stand against it. They can't see where they will gain any favors from Secretary Lane by opposing his pet bill.

The Crook County people display no disposition to temper their ambitions with conservatism and are planning to go out for irrigation aid from all sources, Federal and state alike.

They want not only the \$450,000 that Secretary Lane has promised Congress may appropriate if it desires, but they also want the state to make another appropriation of \$400,000 or \$500,000 to be matched again by the Federal Government in like amount.

All these plans will be aired thoroughly here this week, but some of them are likely to be punctured by delegations from other parts of the state.

Tank year. Houghton has been captain of police during the past three years.

GOVERNOR STARTS TANGLE ALLOPATHS ARE ACCUSED Union County District Attorney Refuses to Yield to Appointee.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)

Governor West's appointment of John S. Hodgin, of this city, to succeed F. S. Ivanhoe as District Attorney of this county on expiration of the latter's term has developed a legal tangile to that will require a decision of the Supreme Court to set at rights.

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