METHODISTS WANT NO WINE IN SERVICE

Tacoma Epworth Leaguers Say Grape Juice Can Be Used for Sacrament.

LISTER VETOES SUSTAINED

Farm-Loan Measure and One for Nonpartisan Ballot Are Offered. Holiday for Public Employes Is Asked by Bill.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Protest against an exception in the proposed "bone-dry" bill of liquor intended for sacramental purposes, was filed in the Senate today by the Epworth League of Tacoma, through Rev. W. H. W. Reese, of the Methodist Church.

It is accepted as marking the line of a fight in prohibition legislation this session between the total prohibition ministry on one side and Catholics and Jews on the other. The Methodist protest argues that the blood of the sacrament can be as sacredly typified by unfermented wine as by any other and asks that no such exception be made.

Governor Lister's vetoes were sustained in the House today by the process of laying them all on the table; vetoed Senate bills come up in that body tomorrow with every prospect of similar treatment.

Nonpartisan Bill Offered.

A nonpartisan and blanket ballot bill came into the House this morning from Nelson, Democrat, of King County. This bill is in accord with Governor Lister's message recommendations. At the instance of King County authorities another bill was introduced to make every Saturday afternoon a half holiday for city and county employes. Elliott, of Tacoma, introduced a bill to change the name of Mount Rainier to Tacoma or some other name that can be accepted as a compromise.

In the Senate, Iverson introduced a farm loan amendment to the state constitution, by which money would be lent to farmers on a 50 per cent valuation of property at 1 per cent excess interest over what the money costs the state. Bills calling a constitutional convention in 1918 were filed in the House today by Westfall, of Spokane.

General Bell to Speak.

The proposed public hearing on the "bone-dry" bill set for Thursday has been postponed to January 23. General J. Franklin Bell, U. S. A., is scheduled for a public address in the House chamber Wednesday on the needs of the militia. Consideration of the educational survey commission report, over which the fight of the session is expected, begins tomorrow night in committee.

What corporation counsel for principal cities of the state regard as the most important question that has come before the Public Service Commission was argued by them today against James B. Howe, representing the Tacoma Railway & Power Company, one of the Stone & Webster public utility corporations of Puget Sound. The company asks to be relieved of franchise obligations in Tacoma to pay any gross earnings tax, from contributing to cost of bridges or to pave or pay any part of the cost of street maintenance, on the ground that it cannot longer meet these franchise requirements and render adequate service at reasonable rates.

First class cities of the state deny the commission's jurisdiction over franchise terms and today joined in supporting a motion to dismiss the company's complaint, on the ground that the company seeks to abrogate franchises which have all the effect of contracts.

In support of its petition the company maintains that when a utility cannot furnish adequate service at the fixed price the law gives the Public Service Commission a right to supersede the city franchise to the extent of removing conditions that make compliance with the utilities law impossible.

After listening to argument all day the commission reserved decision.

The issue has produced a city home rule bill, introduced in the House today by Christensen, of King, which provides for election of Public Service Commissioners, instead of their appointment by the Governor. The same bill would give first-class cities the right to vote on the question of city or state control over public utilities.

GRAND JURY TO HEAR CASE

Otto Wagner, Accused by ex-Wife, Says He Wanted to Remarry.

Otto Wagner, sheet-metal worker, whose threats against his ex-wife, Mrs. Lucetta Wagner, recently caused an examination concerning his sanity, was held to the grand jury yesterday afternoon by Municipal Judge Langguth on the charge of threatening to commit a felony.

In testimony given yesterday, Mrs. Wagner described the fear she felt of bodily violence when her masterful former spouse persuaded her with alleged terrible threats to accompany him to Seattle.

Wagner denied having made such threats and told the court that it was his intention to marry Mrs. Wagner in Seattle.

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS

Charles Arling In Scene From Fox Comedy, "Social Pirates" At Majestic

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Broadway—Henry Walthall, "The Truant Soul."
Peoples—Blanche Sweet, "The Evil Eye."
Majestic—Lucille Lee Stewart, "The Ninety and Nine"; "Social Pirates."
Columbia—William S. Hart, "Truthful Tolliver."
Sunset—Richard J. Jose, "Silver Threads Among the Gold."
Star—Richard Bennett, "And the Law Says"; Charlie Chaplin, "The Rink."
Globe—"The Circular Staircase."

Reassuring to All Americans.

ONE of the most reassuring bits of news which has reached this country from the Mexican border comes from a motion-picture concern. The Lasky Company, it seems, had gone over the border from California into Southern California and had hired a number of Mexican soldiers to play the role of a South American army in support of Theodore Roberts, in a Paramount picture to be called "The American Consul."

The "army" was brought over the boundary and used in a number of scenes with great success, but when it was informed that a battle would be staged between itself and American marines, the army resigned as one man! The Mexicans did not mind firing blank cartridges at each other or even mixing into hand-to-hand encounters, but tackling United States marines was another proposition.

An offer of double pay was received coldly and, all inducements failing, the producers finally were forced to hire the invading army's uniforms—since they were registered in the previous scenes—gather together a lot of extras put tan make-up on them and apportion the roles to fit the hired uniforms. The Mexicans sat on the side-lines wrapped in their blankets and puffed cigarettes during the ensuing battle, but expressed no regret at the loss of double pay.

A Ruth Roland Company.

That Ruth Roland, the popular Pathe-Balboa star, is making preparations for the organization of a producing company to carry her own name, upon the expiration of her contract with Balboa on February 15, is a rumor that is being given considerable credence at Los Angeles motion picture studios. During her connection with the Balboa concern Miss Roland has added greatly to her popularity as the result of her appearance in several highly successful serials in which she was starred.

Efforts to confirm the report that the popular screen star will start her own company brought an admission from Miss Roland that she has such plans under consideration, but has not definitely decided upon the course she will pursue.

Jose Author-Director-Star.

Richard J. Jose, the contra-tenor who is appearing in song and photodrama at the Sunset Theater, his first visit to Portland since he played at the old Bungalow Theater seven years ago, was director and author as well as star of the six-reel film, "Silver Threads Among the Gold." The film story, of "The Old Homestead" type was made in New York the camera-man responsible for the wonderful photographic effects being a German army deserter and the cast including Carroll Johnson, the old minstrel man, and Jane and Katherine Lee, the kiddies who have since achieved fame with William Fox.

"This was Jane's first picture," says Jose, "and so bashful was the little tot that I had to carry her in my arms to keep her from squalling while the scenes were being prepared for her specialties."

Censors Pass "The Libertine."

Condemned by the censor board's viewer and later by two members of the board, sitting as an appeal body, "The Libertine" finally has been passed and will be presented to the public at the Star Theater at an early date.

The film is not one of the "white slave" pictures condemned by the National board of review, but is a production dealing with the dangers besetting the modern girl. The picture is said to be unusually strong, and played to large houses for two weeks in Seattle as well as proving popular in San Francisco and other Pacific Coast cities.

John Mason and Alma Hanlon are the principals in the six reeler which was directed by Julius Steger.

Students in Picture.

Making motion pictures is a serious business. But the senior medical class of Chicago University refuses to take anything seriously. So when 100 students sat in an amphitheatre in the Essanay studios and watched Henry B. Walthall, as a surgeon, perform an operation in a scene for "The Truant Soul," seven-act feature, they grew rather flippant. The Daily Maroon the university student newspaper, records their remarks as follows:

"Why doesn't Walthall get a haircut?"

"Perhaps he is waiting back salary?"

"You boob, didn't you know alfalfa was good for artistic temperament?"

"Look at that pretty girl. She was smiling at me not you.

"I'm going to tell my girl some story about playing with Henry Walthall in the movies?"

"Say, was he taking the picture then? Aw, shucks, I was looking the other way."

Screen Gossip.

This week's film contribution of the Orpheum Circuit comprises interesting views of the quaint island of Volendam, Holland, and equally attractive scenes from the isles of Japan.

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House Peters who was one of the principal characters in "The Girl of the Golden West," and who supported Blanche Sweet in several Lasky pictures, reappears on the Paramount programme in "The Happiness of Three Women," a photoplay in which he is co-starred with Myrtle Stedman.

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A good rule for the motion-picture exhibitor to follow is this: "Would I like my daughter, sister, wife or mother to see this picture?"

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"The Gilded Youth," the last of the American-Richard Bennett series, has been completed. It's a comedy-drama, and quite a contrast to "And the Law Says."

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William S. Hart has become a miner. That is, for film purposes in his next picture.

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The Clara Kimball Young company is back in New York after a period of filming in New Orleans for "The Price She Paid."

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Promptly after her marriage, Mae Murray fled to the mountains. This was not in order to avoid her newly acquired husband, but at the urgent behest of Director Robert Leonard, who is directing her next Lasky picture.

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"This," said the villianous Stuart Holmes, of the Fox forces, "is just the way I feel about it."

And he produced the following New Year's sentiment from the pen of "Rube" Goldberg:

We're with you as you shoot and stab,
And frown and glare and scoff—
You cannot kill too many of
The movie heroes off.

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Tiny Marguerite Clark just sits back and laughs while her associates at the Famous Players' studio rave about the continually mounting price of beefsteak. For Miss Clark, though not a confirmed vegetarian, almost never touches beef. Her appetite is almost as small as she is herself and she frequently goes for days at a time without eating meat.

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Hurrah! The Canadian censors finally have decided that Geraldine Farrar is not so anti-British after all, and so the three Paramount pictures, "Carmen," "Temptation" and "Maria Rosa," have been released for the across-the-border fans.

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The Griffith - Philadelphia North American battle still rages. The newspaper contends that "Intolerance" is propaganda for "liquor and lechery."

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A Presbyterian preacher in Paducah, Ky., has hit upon the scheme of filling his church by showing motion pictures. "I consider pictures as legitimate as the spoken word in advancing church worship," says Mr. Harley, the preacher.

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Alan Hale, recently in Famous Player and Fox pictures, is leading man for Miss Young in "The Price She Paid."

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Now they say the Southern California Climate Boosting Association will soon petition the film people for the privilege of censoring all publicity copy sent out during the rainy seasons. The flood yarns of the Winter have aroused the ire of the home guard.

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Zoo note—Ronald Bradbury, a Kalem player, well known in Portland, has a heavy mate. It's a wild cat.

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Gail Henry, the Joker comedienne, is self-styled the homeliest woman on the screen.

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The B. F. Keith circuit of theaters will screen "Patria," the Mrs. Vernon Castle-International preparedness serial, in all of the New York houses.

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A recent report, contradicted by Carl Laemmle, is that he has sold his Universal interests and that H. O. Davis, now general manager at Universal City, will be president of the reorganized company.

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Mutual will issue a new edition of "Damaged Goods," the Richard Bennett photoplay, on February 12.

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Wheeler Oakman has a prominent part in that Mabel Normand feature, "Mickey."

Oakland Tribune:

"'Last night at the McDonough, Jose, the wonderful tenor, held his audience spellbound with his songs. He appeared in a play—in the movies—and then he sang. His voice is the same golden voice of old, a wonderful contra-tenor, the like of which has never been heard in any other man. A storm of applause greeted the singer. The occasion was the presentation of the new K. and R. film, "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

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DIVISION IS BACKED

People of Eastern Clackamas Nearly One for Split.

ERRORS ON LINES CONFUSE

Oregon City Said to Have Been Embarrassed by Holding Meetings in Towns That Are Not to Be Taken by New County.

(The folowing statement of the Clackamas County division issue is published by request of residents of Eastern Calckamas County as expressing their view of the situation.)

BY R. M. STANDISH,
Secretary Cascade County Committee.

ESTACADA, Or., Jan. 15.—Safely locked in the vaults of the Estacada State Bank tonight are 47 petitions, signed by 882 resident voters and taxpayers residing within the boundaries of the proposed new county of Cascada, asking the Legislature to create the new county from the eastern part of Clackamas County.

In addition to these petitions in the bank vaults, 14 more are still in circulation.

As the total number of voters residing within the boundaries of the proposed new county amounts to from 1100 to 1200, according to an estimate furnished by ex-County Assessor Jack, it is now assured that signatures of more than 90 per cent of the voters will be on the petitions, which will be placed before the Legislature within a few days, when the bill, asking for the creation of Cascade County, will be offered.

Club Backs Opposition.

The opposition to the movement is composed of residents of that part of Clackamas County outside of the boundary lines of the proposed new county and is made up largely of and entirely dominated and financed by the Oregon City Commercial Club.

This opposition, which has taken the form of hiring solicitors to circulate remonstrance petitions, has suffered from the result of their own newspaper misrepresentations, these misrepresentations resulting largely from a lack of careful study of the boundary lines. They are feeling mortified at having sent their own hirelings to solicit remonstrances from taxpayers who, it was later discovered, were not residing within the proposed boundaries.

To add to this mortification was the knowledge that Chairman O. D. Eby, of the live wires committee of the Oregon City Commercial Club, who successfully called and conducted a remonstrance meeting at Colton Friday night, the next day discovered that Old Colton, where the meeting was held, was not within the contested territory either.

Some Reported to Favor.

The sentiment among many of the leading men of Oregon City is favorable to a division of the county, with such men as Chris Schuebel, E. E. Brodie and B. T. McBain admitting that the division of the county is an economic move and due the people of both parts of the county.

H. C. Stephens, of George, Representative in the Legislature from Eastern Clackamas, returned from Salem Friday to attend the mass meeting and dinner held in Estacada, to obtain firsthand information relative to the sentiment of his constituents on the question of county division.

At this mass meeting, the opposition was cordially invited to be present and more than two-thirds of the programme was given over to Livy Stipp and Joseph Hedges, representatives of the Oregon City Commercial Club, who were sent out to fight the Cascade County movement. Both speakers returned to Oregon City convinced that the farmers, business men and taxpayers of Eastern Clackamas County favor the formation of a new county.

Corporation Not Interested.

Unintentional misrepresentations regarding the exact lines comprising the boundaries of the proposed county resulted in unduly agitating the people of Clarks, Highland, Colton, Logan and other sections, who believed that their lands were to be included in the new county, without their consent.

A newspaper canard appeared Friday in the Oregon City papers, which was reprinted in other papers, stating that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is behind the proposed Cascade County movement, this having been later corrected at the request of the railway company, which corporation stands in a neutral position, despite its valuable power plant holdings in both parts of the county.

Published reports on Saturday to the effect that efforts were under way to effect a compromise between the two parts of the county are partially correct, advances having been originally made by the Oregon City live wires committee.

Two Meetings Are Held.

Aside from the general mass meeting in Estacada, no meetings have been held within the proposed new county, all expense and labor in circulating the petitions having been voluntarily done by more than 100 interested taxpayers.

At the request of the residents of the Swede Hill district, near Upper Eagle Creek, a meeting was held in the district's schoolhouse tonight, at which the proposed county division movement was explained in detail. A similar meeting will be held at the Barton schoolhouse tomorrow, these two sections being the only ones in which remonstrance signatures were obtained, having been obtained prior to the circulation of the petitions and data relative to the proposed county creation.

As Clackamas County is now larger than the state of Rhode Island and as the general sentiment throughout the state is in favor of the creation of smaller county units, and as statistics indicate that the smaller counties in Oregon are today operating at a lower tax levy, it is more than likely the legislators will enact favorable legislation in the creation of the county of Cascade, at the nearly unanimous request of the taxpayers residing within the territory affected.

RABBIT SKIN MARKET OPEN

Klamath County Pest May Be Made to Pay Returns.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Jackrabbits have become such a pest in Klamath County among the farmers and stockmen that some time ago a movement was started to induce the County Court to place a small bounty of 5 to 15 cents upon the animals.

Secretary Fred Fleet, of the Klamath Commercial Club, was requested to endeavor to find a market for the pelts. He wrote several letters of inquiry, and received a reply from Funston Bros. & Co., St. Louis, in which he is advised that they can pay from 15 to 18 cents a pound for the skins laid down in St. Louis. The freight would be 6¼ cents a pound, thus netting the hunter in the neighborhood of 10 to 11 cents a pound for the skins.

Roseburg Plans Farm Loan Charter.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the members of the Roseburg National Farm Loan Association held here it was decided to make application for a charter at once. The local organization has about 29 members and represents prospective loans amounting to more than $60,000. As soon as the charter is received here a permanent organization will be perfected.

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A. H. Wood's Famous Play
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The Libertine
is coming to
THE STAR

WAGE INCREASE URGED

SOLDIERS' HOME OFFICIALS WOULD BENEFIT BY PROPOSAL.

State Board of Control Recommends Changes in Laws Regarding Hospitals and Prisons.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—A number of recommendations for legislation relative to the institutions under their control were indorsed by members of the State Board of Control at a meeting this morning. Included in them was one for enactment of the law allowing the board to transfer inmates of the School for Feeble-Minded, Oregon State Hospital, Eastern Oregon State Hospital and State Penitentiary from one institution to the other, at its option.

Another recommendation is an increase in salaries for some of the officials at the Soldiers' Home, the increases recommended being as follows: Commandant, from $1000 to $1200; adjutant, from $600 to $900; physician, from $480 to $900; matron, from $480 to $600. The board also will ask that cremation be provided for by statute at the Eastern Oregon State Hospital.

Another recommendation that probably will be made will be to the effect that one physician be employed to handle the work at the penitentiary, training schools and deaf and blind schools, and be paid a sufficient salary so as to devote his time exclusively to such work.

The board also decided to recommend that $591.79 be furnished to reimburse Roscoe Langley, of Silverton, for loss of an automobile, providing Langley can give definite proof that his machine was stolen by six convicts who escaped from the prison flax plant last August.

STREET TAX IS OPPOSED

G. M. Grimes Contends Seaside Has No Right to Improve Broadway.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—An amended complaint in the case of G. M. Grimes against the city of Seaside was filed in the Circuit Court today. It is an action brought to restrain the city from selling the plaintiff's property to collect an assessment made for improving Broadway at Seaside.

The complaint alleges various irregularities in making the improvement, but the principal allegation is that the thoroughfare in question is a county road, not a street, and, therefore, the city has no authority to improve it. The complaint asks that the paving contract awarded by the city to the Warren Construction Company be declared void, and that the assessment be set aside.

Vader School Gets Gift Clocks.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Eight clocks, purchased with money presented to the new Vader School as a Christmas present by Frank Lotz, the Vader healer, are being installed. When it was ascertained that the clocks desired could not be bought with the amount of Dr. Lotz' donation, the latter generously doubled his gift.

Astoria Asks Road Appropriation.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The Astoria City Council tonight adopted a memorial to the Oregon Legislature asking for the appropriation of a sufficient amount of money to complete and hard-surface the Columbia River Highway between Astoria and Portland.

BLANCHE SWEET IN "THE EVIL EYE"
LASKY-PARAMOUNT
LAST TIMES TODAY AT THE PEOPLES

HOUSE PETERS AND MYRTLE STEDMAN IN "THE HAPPINESS OF THREE WOMEN"
MOROSCO-PARAMOUNT
STARTING TOMORROW.

LAST TIMES TODAY:
Blanche Sweet
In the 5-act drama
"The Evil Eye"
Also new Pictographs, the Columbia Highway and a cartoon comedy.
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Alder at West Park.

Tomorrow:
House Peters
Myrtle Stedman
in a gripping, romantic mystery drama of society life,
"The Happiness of 3 Women"
PEOPLES

TODAY! Majestic
LUCILLE LEE STEWART
in
"THE NINETY AND NINE"
From the Famous Stage Success
A story of the "sheep" that strayed and the girl who went to find him. A picture showing forest fire scenes which for thrill and realism stand alone.
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