

### CONGRESS SALARY GRAB PROSPECT

Applause of Mr. Lafferty's Remarks Shows Members Chafe Under \$7500 Limit.

### ISSUE WILL BE DELAYED

Members Still Remember Effect of Last Increase and Do Not Want to Raise Question on Eve of General Election.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 11.—There is no likelihood that Congress at the present session will vote itself an increase in pay, as proposed by Representative Lafferty, of Oregon, for members of the majority already have enough to answer for without making themselves liable for a salary grab. The hearty applause which greeted the suggestion of Mr. Lafferty that Senators and House members should receive \$10,000 instead of \$7500 a year is indication, however, that a salary bill may be attempted at the next session.

It is only a few years since Congress voted to increase the salaries of Senators and Representatives from \$5000 to \$7500 per annum. No fewer than 50 members of the House were defeated at the ensuing election, largely because of that bit of legislation. The memory of the results of the last salary bill is still fresh in the minds of men who were then in Congress, and, with a campaign approaching, the least likely to permit any salary increase proposal to come before either house at this time.

**Time Allowed for Forgetting.**  
The subject having been broached, however, and it having met with a hearty response, it is expected that at the next session, which opens a month after the Congressional election, the proposal may be made seriously that Congress vote itself a further increase in salary, the increase to become effective with the opening of the 64th Congress. It will then be two years until another election, and advocates of more pay will figure that if the increase is voted promptly it may be forgotten by the public before the next election rolls around.

When Mr. Lafferty several days ago suggested an increase of pay for Representatives and Senators from \$7500 to \$10,000 his suggestion was heartily applauded, but it was significant to note that no other member of the House rose to advocate the increase, and the names of those applauding are not recorded. The reason other members did not back up the declaration of the Oregon member was that they did not care to face the salary-grab issue next Fall, as they would be obliged to do if they should urge an increase in their own compensation.

**Salaries Exceed Those at Home.**  
Nine men out of every ten in Congress are today drawing larger salaries than they commanded before they came to Congress and larger salaries than they could command if their terms were to end and they were thrown out on their own resources. There are some rich men in Congress, it is true; there are others who, in private life, have earned more than \$7500 a year, but the element is relatively small, and 90 per cent of the members, taking Congress as a whole, are adequately paid for the service they give.

There are exceptions; there are Senators and there are members of the House who give service to the Government worth more than \$7500, and, inasmuch as all must be paid on the same basis, the limited number of brilliant and valuable legislators who content themselves with smaller pay, while the majority of members of both houses are overpaid. A further advance to \$10,000 a year will be hard to defend before the people.

### OLD EGG HATCHED IS TOLD

Pendleton Woman Says Chicken Is From Preserved Stock.

PENDLETON, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—Arguments against ancient eggs received a decided offset here this week when a healthy, striking chick was hatched from one nearly one year old, according to Mrs. Charles Daniels. Filling an incubator a few weeks ago, Mrs. Daniels found that she had not sufficient eggs to complete the job. To meet the emergency she went to a barrel containing a mixture of lime and salt in which she had put a quantity of eggs last June, for preserving purposes and selected three at random. Every egg within the exception of the three taken from the preservative, had produced a chicken.

Mrs. Daniels says she was almost scared to death on seeing the shell of one of the three preserved eggs begin to crumble. She "lent a hand" and a healthy, strutting chick was the result.

### WOMAN OFFICIAL PLEASES

City Treasurer of Olympia Said to Comply With Rules Strictly.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Julia E. Waldrip, treasurer of Olympia and first woman ever elected to office in this city, is causing officials to take notice of the administration of her office.

Although past Treasurers have failed to comply with the state law providing that saloon and other license collections must be turned into the indebtedness fund, Mrs. Waldrip has followed this law to the letter and as a result has been able to call in several thousand dollars' worth of old warrants. Some of these were issued as long as 20 years ago and the interest on them amounts to 150 per cent in addition to their face value.

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### MASSACHUSETTS WOMAN WHOM POLICE BELIEVE TO HAVE INFORMATION ON COMPLICATED SIEGEL CASE



MRS. DIANA B. EDDY.

### POLICE SEEK WOMAN

Mrs. Eddy, Wanted in Siegel Case, Cannot Be Found.

### CLEW TO ASSETS WANTED

Choir Singer in Massachusetts Town Believed to Have Information. One of Same Name Named in Wife's Divorce Suit.

BOSTON, April 11.—(Special.)—The police are still baffled by the disappearance of Mrs. Diana B. Eddy, of Dorchester, Mass., who is wanted as a witness in the much-muddled case of Henry Siegel, of New York, Chicago and Boston, whose big department store recently failed, carrying down with them the banks in which customers of the store had deposited their small savings. Siegel himself is out on bail with his partner on charges of irregularities growing out of the big failure.

There is a "Mrs. Eddy" mentioned as co-respondent in Mrs. Siegel's suit for divorce. Mrs. Siegel does not know the full name and friends of Mrs. Diana B. Eddy, who is a choir singer at Dorchester, say they do not believe the Dorchester Mrs. Eddy is the one mentioned in the divorce papers.

### JAILBREAK IS FAILURE

LOS ANGELES PRISONERS CAUGHT AFTER BEING SHOT AT.

One Man Dashes Under Moving Train and Rolls Out on Other Side and Second Seeks Refuge in Park.

LOS ANGELES, April 11.—A jailbreak, which included a dash under a moving freight train by one of two men who sought escape from the East side city jail, was ended today after several officers and a fusillade of bullets had followed the prisoners.

### SEASIDE PLANS CLEANUP

Improvement Club Elects New Officers for Ensuing Year.

SEASIDE, Or., April 11.—At the annual meeting of the Seaside Civic Improvement Club held here last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: George E. Shaver, president; Mrs. A. S. Foster, vice-president; Clyde Mason, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Mary E. Stanley, Mrs. M. Hooper, L. S. Ball and E. G. Frost, members of the executive board.

### SITE FOR SHOPS BOUGHT

Oregon & California Company Closes \$18,000 Deal at Springfield.

EUGENE, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—Eighteen thousand dollars was paid yesterday by the Oregon & California Railroad Company, a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific Company, for 46 acres in Springfield, purchased for the purpose of holding for the construction of a machine shop.

### POSTAL FUNDS ARE ASKED

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tee, consisting of William Spry, Utah; E. M. Ammons, Colorado, and Tasker L. Oddie, Nevada, to go to Washington and present the resolutions in person to President Wilson. The same committee will appear before the House public lands committee to protest against the Ferris leasing bill. Governor Ammons today received a telegram from Representative Taylor, of Colorado, saying that the committee had consented to postpone consideration of the bill for 10 days, to permit the Governors to present their protest.

### MINORITY UNITED BY CONGRESS ISSUE

Chief Policies Developed by Democrats Serve to Solidify Republicans.

### COMMON GROUND IS FOUND

Senator Jones, of Washington, Urges That Advantage Be Taken of Opportunity to Make Power Felt and Defeat Poe.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 11.—The present session of Congress, like the special session which preceded it, has found Republicans and Progressives working jointly in opposition to Democratic issues, and while there still remains the semblance of two minority parties in Congress, to all intents and purposes there is only one minority party.

It is true that at times there has been a single third party Senator, Polk, of Oregon, but in the main Republicans and Progressives have joined against the Democratic majority in Congress and the Democratic Administration, and the arguments advanced by both have been identical.

**Factions Agree on Issues.**  
Since the beginning of the Wilson Administration two political issues have been developed, and on each the Republicans and Progressives have agreed. During the long tariff fight the Progressives joined hands with the Republicans—except for two or three extreme members of the third party, who ultimately will find anchorage in the Democratic harbor—and when the Panama Canal tolls issue was developed recently, no Republican was more critical of the President and his policy than the foremost speakers among the Progressive party men in the House.

In the Senate, where there is only a single third party Senator, Polk, of Washington, no Republican has been more aggressive than he in assailing the President's desire to compel American coastwise ships to pay tolls for the use of the canal; no Republican has been more outspoken than Senator Polk in denouncing the surrender to Great Britain.

**Tolls Issue Bond of Union.**  
The fact that Republicans and Progressives are now fighting a single cause against Democracy, and have been united in a proposition of vital importance and consequence on which we agree, we are united in condemnation of the President's attitude on it. In the face of a proposition that involves the honor and sovereignty of the Nation and its right to determine its action over its own property, we should have aside minor differences and make our power felt by working and voting together.

**Republican Banner Can Win.**  
"The Republican banner is the one under which complete the amalgamation of Republicans and third party members are in harmony with the best traditions of the party. The Republican party is the only party in the Senate, the third party one. The 44 believe alike and their followers believe alike. They are the only party in the Senate, the third party one. There is no excuse now for a third party. There is an imperative necessity for a union of those opposed to what is going on."

The sentiments voiced by Senator Jones are the sentiments of many men in Congress. With a Union it is felt by many politicians, Democrats as well as Republicans, that the Democratic party will be likely to lose control of Congress at the close of the next short session.

### WEBB LAW IS UPHELD

KANSAS SUPREME COURT RULES LIQUOR ACT IS VALID.

Congress Can Regulate Traffic the Same as It Regulates Shipment of White Slaves, Justice Declares.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 11.—The Webb-Kenyon bill, passed by Congress, which gives the states control over liquor shipments, met the favor today of the Kansas Supreme Court. As a result of the decision Kansas will take charge of all liquor shipped into the state.

### COOS ASPIRANTS BUSY

SEVEN FILE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Two Republicans Would Run for Judge and One Democrat Seeks Place. Lower Taxes Is Big Issue.

COQUILLE, Or., April 11.—(Special.) Politics in Coos County became more active as the time for the filing of nomination petitions drew to a close. The office of county commissioner is attracting the most attention, there being seven aspirants.

### ASHLAND GETS MINING CONGRESS

ASHLAND, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining Congress will be held in Ashland this year, but at a later date than usual. At a meeting of the executive committee held in this city April 5 it was decided to hold the congress some time during the Chautauqua period in July, the exact date to be announced later. In the meantime this suggestion has been referred to President Lane, of Etna Mills, Siskiyou County, and other California officials, for approval. These congresses are held in Southern Oregon and Northern California in rotation. Last year the meeting was at Redding, Cal.

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### SUICIDE IS INDICATED

POISON IS FOUND IN STOMACH OF NORTH YAKIMA MAN.

Coroner Also Testifies Cup Shows Trace of Strychnine, but Food in House Appears Free From Drug.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—Coroner Fred Shaw today testified in a Superior Court hearing on the will of Charles Myers, who died Thursday night from strychnine poisoning, that analysis of the contents of Myers' stomach showed a quantity of the drug had been taken. Traces of the drug also were found in the cup from which Myers drank coffee a few minutes before he was seized with the fatal prostrations.

No poison was found in the coffee pot, the sugar or the meat, which were analyzed, the coroner said.

Three other persons, Viola Myers, 12 years old, daughter of Charles Myers; a friend of Miss Myers, Emma Brown, 14 years old, and Miss Nellie McCormick, a music teacher, who had called to give Viola Myers a music lesson, were present.

Miss Brown sat at table with Myers, and his daughter and the teacher were in an adjoining room engaged in the lesson. The theory that Myers himself placed the poison in his cup is generally accepted, although further investigation will be made.

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