

WATER ACT FOUGHT AS PERIL TO WEST

Senator W. Lair Thompson Wants Oregon Legislature to Oppose Ferris Bill

GENERAL PROTEST URGED

Prospective President of Upper House Declares Measure Pending in Congress Would Nullify State's Satisfactory Code.

"Oregon and every other Western state must enter vigorous protest against the Ferris bill now pending in Congress which proposes to place control of all our water resources in the hands of the Federal Government," said Senator W. Lair Thompson, of Lakeview, who was in Portland yesterday on his way East. Mr. Thompson left last night for Minneapolis. He will be detained there for business for about ten days and will return to Oregon in time for the legislative session which opens Monday, January 11.

Mr. Thompson's election as president of the Senate is assured. He has no apparent opposition and has 23 votes pledged either verbally or in writing. He is giving consideration to committee appointments, but says that he has not completed this task which probably will keep him busy until the eve of the session.

Protest is Advocated.

"Excepting the necessity of taking a determined stand against the further encroachment of the Federal Government upon our state domain, I have in mind no special proposed legislation," said Senator Thompson at the Imperial Hotel.

"I hope some member of the Legislature will see the importance of introducing a resolution of protest against the Ferris bill," said Thompson. "We can legislate until we are black in the face and if the Government passes that Ferris bill, all our present water laws and our entire water code will be nullified. The thing for us to do up at Salem is to memorialize Congress against the passage of that objectionable measure. What's more, we should memorialize the Legislature of every state that has any public lands or any public water resources."

"Indeed, I am in favor of going farther than that. I think the State of Oregon should appoint a commission instructed to camp on the trial of every Western Legislature and see that they pass a similar memorial to Congress."

"This may sound something like states' rights doctrine, but in this particular I believe the states are better able to govern than the National Government."

Irrigation Control Contended.

"Why, the Federal Government already has control over nearly all the waterpower in the state. This Ferris bill would give it control, the way I understand it, of the water used for irrigation purposes."

"Now, the State of Oregon worked for years to get its water code perfected. I believe that under the present code we are able to administer the water affairs to the satisfaction not only of the state at large, but of the individual water users. It is a long time since the water users objected to state regulation. Now that we have the law so framed that we are able to administer the water affairs without inconveniencing the water users, we ought to let it go at that. Federal Government step in now and say that all the laws we have passed on this subject are to be of no avail and that they are to be subjected to a new regulation. This would be unjust. The water users in many cases have it hard enough the way it is. Federal control would make it harder."

Rights Seen in Peril.

"The way I understand the Ferris bill many water users under the present state code would be denied their rights. Should the Federal Government choose to sell or lease water for a power project from a stream already tapped for irrigation purposes, the irrigators would lose their rights. I don't suppose that that is the intent of the bill, but I believe that it would be a possible result. It's up to the State of Oregon and the other Western states to protest and I expect to have a voice in the protesting."

Senator Thompson believes also that the Ferris bill is detrimental to the best interests of the West. It places severe restrictions around water-power development, he says, and makes it difficult to invest in such enterprises and aid in developing the country.

LAND COMPANY LOSES SUIT

Judgment Given Purchaser in Mosier View Orchards.

Judgment of \$1405.93 against the Hood River Orchard Land Company was awarded to E. D. Lange in Circuit Judge Morrow's court yesterday. The suit grew out of the purchase of a tract in the Mosier View Orchards, Wasco County.

The complaint alleged that the land was sold to him on the representation that it was good orchard land, whereas he found after purchasing it that it was barren and rocky. The judgment awarded by Circuit Judge Morrow is the amount which Lange had paid on the land before filing suit. The case is similar in nearly every particular to one early this year in which T. H. Field was granted judgment for \$1400 against the same concern.

BOOTBLACK FOR CITY HALL

Commissioner Brewster Arranges to Aid Policy of Neatness.

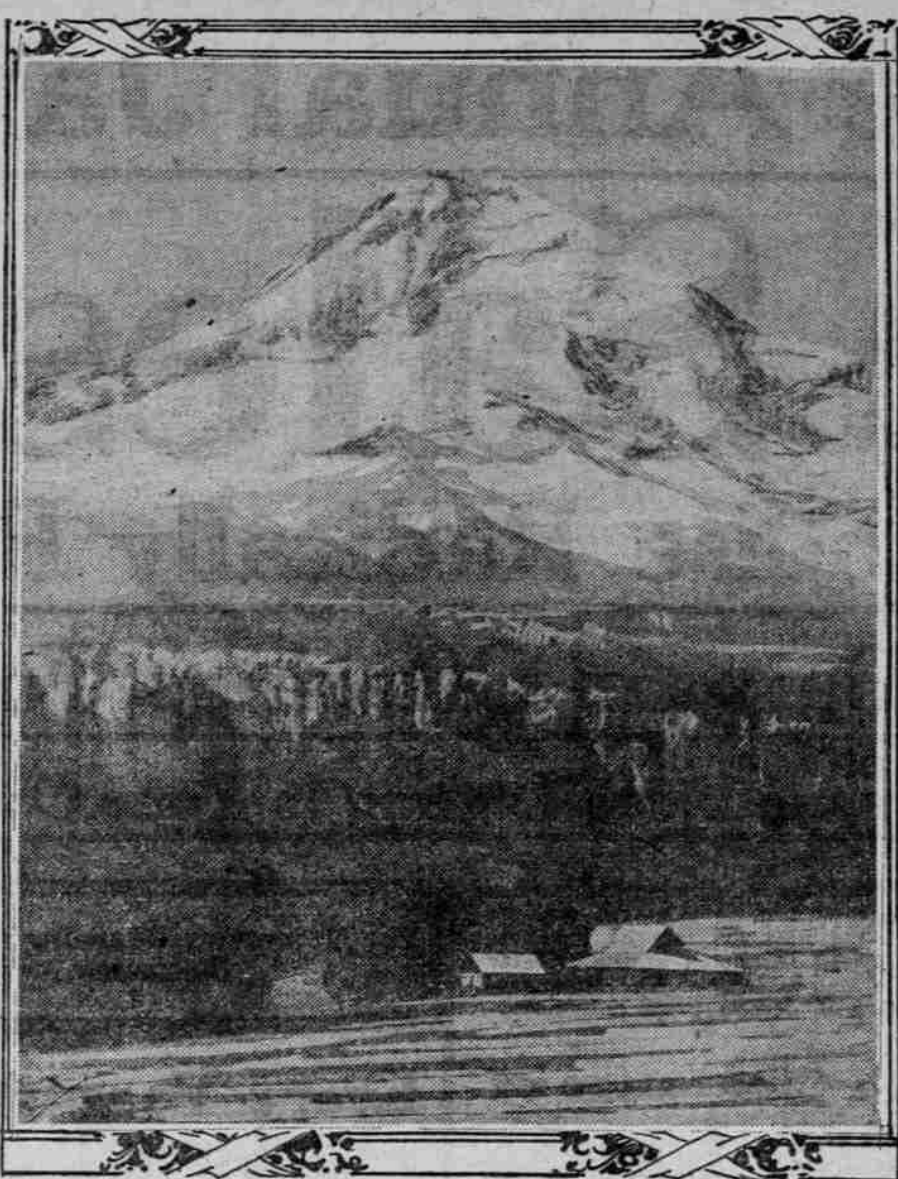
With the advent of pink teas among women employees at the City Hall and the enforcement of rules requiring all employees to present a neat and dignified appearance, the City Hall will have an official bootblack. Arrangements have been made by Commissioner Brewster for the establishment of a bootblack stand near the elevator on the second floor.

It is probable that a concession will be given a good bootblack soon. As yet there are no applicants for the position, but it is expected no trouble will be experienced in getting a man to take it over.

Remedy Company Formed.

Articles of incorporation for the Konek Remedial Company were filed in County Clerk Coffey's office yesterday. The incorporators are William H. Hurlburt, Charles J. Kortick and W. E. Barnes and the concern is capitalized at \$100,000.

OREGON'S FAMOUS MOUNTAIN.



Mount Hood from the Mt. Hood Lodge

SKIING PARTY GOES

Mazamas Will Enjoy Winter Sports on Mount Hood.

OSMON ROYAL IS LEADER

Boast of Excellence of Oregon's Summer Resorts Said to Be Applicable Also to Opposite Extreme of Temperature.

Carrying skis and snowshoes, a jolly party of Mazamas left the Union Depot last night at 8 o'clock to revel in winter sports on the north slope of Mount Hood for the next six days. They will make their headquarters at Mount Hood Lodge and will return to Portland New Year's eve at 6 o'clock.

It is believed that this party will be the first to introduce tobogganing on Mount Hood. It has been tried elsewhere in this state, but so far as is known, Oregon's famous mountain has not as yet been the Mecca of the tobogganist.

The midwinter excursion is under the direction of the outing committee of the Mazamas and Osmon Royal is leader. He will conduct the party personally. Others who left last night are: Rose Courson Reed, Harriet E. Monroe, Hanna Schlotz, Georgia G. Way, Eleanor Rowland, Anne Dillinger, Hazel A. Mills, Catherine L. Bishop, Marion Schneider, D. G. Lebb and Charles E. Atlas. The party will be increased, it is expected, by others who will join it Monday night.

The excursionists spent last night in Hood River and will leave this morning for Mount Hood Lodge, which is kept by Mr. and Mrs. Homer A. Rogers. It is built on the mountainside at an elevation of 3000 feet and it is promised there is plenty of snow for the varied activities of the party.

Mr. Rogers is a Mazama and has

done most of the big ascents in the United States, together with many foreign ones as well. The lodge has every comfort for the winter sportsman. It is promised. The Mazamas will travel on skis or snowshoes or plunge down prepared runways on sleds or toboggans. Between trips about the snow-covered mountain sides, they will gather about big log fires at the lodge, enjoying the hospitality of the place and reveling in a vast collection of Alpine photographs. A library of 2500 volumes also is at their disposal.

Consent is Won While He is Gone

Preparations for the excursion, which has become an annual event of the Mazamas, were quite as complete as characterize the recurring summer climbs of the organization. The outing committee has perfected an efficient system of managing details and the trip promises to be filled with enjoyment.

"For a long time," said Frank Branch Riley, an enthusiastic Mazama, "it has been Oregon's boast that outdoor recreation in summer can nowhere be enjoyed in such surprising variety and at such low cost as right here at home, and now we have discovered that we need yield to no country in our facilities for winter sports."

"For years the Alps have been attracting almost as many tourists in winter as in summer and the shrewd and hospitable Swiss, Austrians and French have perfected all the appliances and have invented a hundred little comforts that go with snowshoeing, skiing and tobogganing."

"The Appalachian Mountain Club conducts all sorts of delightful winter excursions into the mountains of the Atlantic states. The Sierra Club, of California, leads an annual midwinter excursion to the slopes of Mount Shasta, which for keen enjoyment and for popularity is excelled by no other activity of that great organization."

"The Mazamas have been a little slow in realizing the possibilities of Mount Hood as a field for midwinter recreation. Other organizations have been sending parties for five or six years, but last year the first Mazama excursion went to the south slope of Mount Hood and it was a huge success."

"This year the outing, which has become a fixed annual event, will scarcely be excelled in thrills and interest by the regular midsummer climbing expedition."

A Cleveland, O., woodworker has mounted a work bench on wheels and towed it behind his automobile, using the power of the latter to drive a hand saw and other tools.

GERMANS GIVE HELP

Portland Society's Disbursements Aggregate \$30,000.

SCOPE OF WORK IS WIDE

Helping Poor, Caring for Sick, Providing for Old Among Activities. Children's Home and Hospital Are Projected Extensions.

Extensive charitable work for the relief of the needy has been carried on by the German Aid Society, it is disclosed in a recent report. This organization, since it was formed, has disbursed \$30,000 for charity.

The society now has two especially laudable objects in sight, in addition to carrying on its general relief work. These are the establishment of a children's home and the building of a hospital for use in connection with the institutions of the society.

The report of the work of the organization for the year 1913-1914 gives an idea of the constant good that is being done. Expenditures shown by the annual contribution for 25 years, \$50; support of Altenheim, \$1141.37; sufferers of floods in Ohio, \$50; Children's Home, annual contribution, \$124.85; total, \$2248.37. The distribution of this money is equal to \$19 for each member of the society.

Income is Reduced.

This charitable work is made possible, it is said, by the income from its property, which is greatly reduced now by the decline in rents and the increase in taxes. Officers of the society are: F. Eilers, president; Charles J. Schnabel, vice-president; H. C. Bohlmann, secretary; F. Wagner, treasurer; C. H. Meussdorffer, E. Huel, F. Nicklas, F. Fuchs, A. Saling, Charles Hegele, trustees; George Otten, F. Wolf, school directors; Charles Grizmacher, Louis Kuehn, Otto Schumann, auditing committee; John Reischer, president emeritus.

The German Auxiliary Relief Society was organized because it was found that many phases of relief work could best be looked after by sympathetic women. Many women who would be too timid to appeal to men for help have received assistance from this organization. The supervision of the Altenheim is entrusted to a committee of three elected by them to look after the welfare of the inmates.

The Altenheim, a home for the aged, was established through the gift of 20 acres of valuable land by Louise Weinhard. Others assisting with the result that a building was erected and furnished with comfortable rooms for from 20 to 25 persons. It is hoped in time to make the land so productive that the home will be self-sustaining. At present the cost to the society is from \$1000 to \$1500 per annum.

Immigrants Chief Care.

The organization now has a membership of 120, which is considered too small in view of the large German population of the state. Objects of the organization, in its articles of incorporation, were declared to be to advise and assist German immigrants, the care and assistance of sick and distressed Germans and the erection of a German hospital in this city.

The constitution and by-laws were adopted in February, 1911, and of the original charter members only one, C. H. Meussdorffer, is living. The list follows: F. H. Auer, Charles H. Burekhardt, F. Dekum, H. W. Dillig, F. Eberhardt, Henry Everding, Leo Harall, H. Hoffman, L. Kuehn, C. A. Londenberger, F. Mengo, C. H. Meussdorffer, J. L. Rietz, Henry Saxon, Dr. Schumacher, Dr. Schwab, A. Stander, O. Treuer, Henry Weinhard, C. Wiegand and H. Wilmer.

The first officers of the society were: President, Henry Saxon; vice-president, F. Dekum; secretary, Dr. Schumacher; treasurer, C. H. Burekhardt; trustees, Henry Everding, C. Wiegand, C. H. Meussdorffer. The last named has held that office ever since.

The society had its origin in the wave of patriotic feeling created by the successful war of 1870-1871. As that war effected a union of the German states, it also brought into closer touch Germans and the erection of a German hospital in this country. At present, it is said, the society finds a

TEMPERS, LOST, COSTLY

HENRY JOHNSON AND CHARLES SWORD PAY PENALTIES.

MISS APHIA L. DIMICK ILL

Well-Known Portland Teacher Suffers From Pneumonia Attack.

Miss Aphia L. Dimick, one of the best-known Portland public school teachers and who at one time was another taught some of Portland's leading business men or their wives, is critically ill at her home, 331 Tenth street, and last night physicians in charge held little hope for her recovery. An attack of pneumonia is largely responsible for Miss Dimick's illness. Dr. Margaret N. Quigley is at the bedside and she has called Dr. Arthur LeRoy Williams in for consultation.

Miss Dimick for a number of years has been principal of the Brooklyn School. She has been a resident of Portland for 49 years or more. She is a member of the pioneer Dimick family of Oregon, and her brothers are Merton and Milo Dimick. Her sisters are Miss Della Dimick and Mrs. Mary Meserve. Merton E. Dimick, of Seattle, is a nephew.

POLICE REBEL WITH GIFT

First Night Relief Overwhelms Captain, but Presentation Saves Day.

When Police Captain C. A. Inskip came on duty at headquarters for the first relief last night, he noticed signs of insubordination among the men. 78 in number, who were just reporting for evening patrol.

"Fall in," commanded Captain Inskip. Not a man stirred. A subdued chuckle was audible.

Captain Inskip stared in amazement at the revolt. He repeated the order in loud tones.

All the men moved, but in a concerted rush at their captain. Fighting bravely, Inskip was borne in their arms and plumped down into a soft, deep-cushioned leather chair.

An Captain Inskip was still struggling, hardly realizing the true meaning of the attack. Captain Moore of the day relief saved the situation with a brief speech of presentation.

High School Funds Distributed.

Assignment of high school funds for the districts of Gresham, Troutdale and St. Johns has been completed by County Superintendent Armstrong, and warrants will be issued within a few days. Under the assignment, St. Johns receives \$1571.50, Troutdale \$240 and Gresham \$1712.50 from the county fund. The money is distributed on the basis of \$40 for each of the first 20 pupils, \$30 each for the second 20, and \$12.50 for the rest.

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SIX GIRLS OF AINSWORTH SCHOOL GIVE CHRISTMAS PLAY FOR CHARITY.

Left to Right—Eleanor Schermerhorn, Dorothy Schmeer, Margaret Sluason, Helen Ball and Margaret Ewing.

will investigate for themselves the cases to be helped and will carry assistance in person to the needy ones.

Cession of Sakhalin Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Japanese Embassy received official advice from Tokyo that Russia had ceded to Japan its half of the Island of Sakhalin for some heavy guns. The island was officially Russian until September, 1905. The southern half was ceded to Japan by the terms of the treaty of Portsmouth.

If people would only limit their evering to holidays, they would feel better.

With the New Year But a Few Days Off

preparations are being made to speed the old and welcome the new. The Arcadian Garden will be the ideal place to dine and see the frolic. A few reservations remain and it would be well for you to make reservations at once. This year a magnificent selection of imported novelties will be presented the ladies and gentlemen.

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