

OREGON LEGISLATORS FEAR 'FLU' EPIDEMIC

Conditions at Salem Said to Alarm Lawmakers.

RECESS IS HELD POSSIBLE

Several Members of Local Delegation Favor Delay of Session Until More Auspicious Time.

Reports of the prevalence of the Spanish influenza epidemic at Salem are somewhat disconcerting to members of the Legislature, who, a week from tonight, will be heading for the Statehouse to take up their duties for the 49-day session. The prospect of being in a city which is so afflicted with the influenza that the health authorities have had to place it under the ban is not alluring to Multnomah delegates, at least.

Some of the members of the delegation would be just as well satisfied if the convening of the Legislature would be postponed until a more auspicious time. Others are willing to take a chance on contracting the "flu." One solution suggested informally at the meeting of the Multnomah delegation at its last meeting was that the Legislature meet as per law, January 13, proceed to organize and then take a recess until such time as the disease has vanished from the capital of the state.

That this could be done and the session held strictly in accordance with the provisions governing the body is asserted. The plan is considered better than the questionable one of having the Governor, by proclamation, postpone the opening of the session. After the Legislature is organized it can recess as long as it wishes, but, of course, the members will draw pay for only 40 days.

In the opinion of Representative D. C. Lewis, the Legislature can meet, organize and go ahead with business, defying the "flu" to do its worst. He says that one way of protecting the members would be to send them to the Senate chamber and hall of Representatives everyone who has not important business there, such as the members, the staff of employes and, of course, the press. By excluding the general public and spectators, providing for plenty of ventilation and taking similar precautions, Lewis thinks that the Legislature could operate without particular danger.

Conditions in Salem are such that the State Federation of Labor has decided that the wisest policy is not to hold its annual conference in that city during the coming week. It decided it in Portland instead. Reports from Salem are to the effect that the authorities there are striving to suppress the influenza and attempt to move the date for opening the Legislature.

Just a week remains before the lawmakers leave for Salem. In the next few days practically all of the members will be drifting into Portland to see what is going on and get a line on prospective bills. Senator Baldwin, of Klamath, is already here and Representative I. G. Martin, of Salem, showed up yesterday, as did Seymour Jones, who will be the next Speaker of the House. Representative P. J. Gallagher, of Ontario, is expected today. Representative Joseph G. Richardson, of Multnomah, has returned from California, where he went to coach himself along certain lines of legislation which will be considered during the session.

This is one of the most quiet pre-legislature periods known in Oregon. There are, as a usual thing, warm discussions over some piece of legislation in advance of the session, scores of bills being considered. This time, however, there is practically no legislation in sight. There is much legislation, but to speak by the card, there are no definite plans. For instance, the finances of the state are in a bad way and something must be done, but so far no member has come forward with a programme of finance of a constructive character.

One reason why there is little excitement in legislative circles is because the organization fight is over. Senator W. T. Vinton has more than enough votes to elect himself President of the Senate and Seymour Jones has more votes than he needs to make him Speaker of the House. The only thing left to do is to fight for committee places.

The annual reunion and banquet of the Jackson Club will be held at the Hotel Portland, Wednesday at 6:30 o'clock. Lotus L. Langley, newly elected president, will preside as toastmaster. On the reception committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Hornbrook, of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey G. Starkweather, of Oregon City; Mr. and Mrs. Oswald West, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Haney, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. E. Meyer, Mr. J. W. Morrow, Colonel R. A. Miller, Judge Gatens, Mrs. Carrie C. Van Orsdall and M. A. Miller.

Vocal solos will be rendered by Mrs. G. F. Alexander and Harry Scougall, accompanied by Mrs. Harry Scougall, and addresses will be given by Mrs. Alexander Thompson, of the "The South Part in the Uplifting of the Nation"; Walter M. Pierce, of "Our President"; and Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of the Forest stockmen, arrived at Salem on "Making Democracy Safe." Tickets can be procured at 602 Broadway building.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Roberts, of Bridal Veil, are at the Perkins. Mr. Roberts is a timberman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Leaf, of Silverton, are in the city for the week end and are at the Washington Hotel.

Z. M. Brown, of Prineville, and Willis Knott, of Forest stockmen, arrived at the Perkins yesterday on a business trip.

Mrs. D. V. Jennings and Miss D. Hoefler, well-known residents of Astoria, are at the Benson for the week-end.

L. S. Hill, a brother of A. J. Hill, of the Warren Brothers, has arrived from Montana. Hill is registered at the Hotel Portland.

D. A. Downey, of the Marine Corps, had a hemorrhage in the lobby of the Imperial and was removed to a hospital, where an attack occurred.

Judge Gaheen, of Pocatello, is in the city in a sanatorium taking the rest cure. The judge is suffering from a breakdown caused, it is reported, as he had to handle the duties of two judges.

Fred W. Falconer, of Enterprise, is at the Imperial. Mr. Falconer was largely responsible for the splendid showing which Wallowa County made in every patriotic drive.

E. H. Markwart, a civil engineer for the C. L. Koster company, barrel manufacturer, of San Francisco, is at the Hotel Portland. There is a report that the Koster people intend erecting a barrel factory in this city.

The executive committee of the State Teachers' Association held a meeting in the Imperial yesterday to look after details of the legislative programme. Those present were State Superintendent

ent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill, of Salem; Dr. H. D. Shelden, of the University of Oregon; County School Superintendent Alderson, of Portland; and E. D. Resler, of the Oregon Agricultural College faculty.

Local hotels have been headquarters during the past few days for scores of students who are returning to the University of Oregon, to the Oregon Agricultural College and to the Monmouth Normal School after the holidays.

Lumbermen swarmed into the Benson yesterday. Among those noted were R. H. Barnside and Howard Jayne, of Raymond, Wash.; C. S. Shank, of Seattle, and W. P. O'Brien and R. K. Loth, of Astoria.

Dr. V. A. Fitzgerald was discharged from the Army at noon yesterday. Ten hours later he was back in his civilian clothes. In the medical division, to which the doctor was attached, the wearing of diamonds was not permitted.

Captain D. O. Killman, a mariner who is at the Multnomah while the builders are putting the finishing touches on his ship in the river, will take his automobile to Australia on the vessel. He intends driving the car whenever he is ashore, and says he can sell the machine any time he tires of carrying it around the world.

C. H. Bogert, of Kings Valley, brought in the first carload of livestock Friday over the railroad which runs between Independence and Siltz Basin. The road has been used for logging purposes, but Mr. Bogert says the people out Kings Valley way do not consider it a logging road. They expect it to do great things in developing the country through which it passes.

Because she knew Rev. Francis Burgette Short when he was speaking in Spokane, Miss Emma Percy came to Portland yesterday to have Dr. Short perform the ceremony which wedded her to James Woodthorp, of Butte, Mont. The ceremony was performed in the grey parlors at the Multnomah, where Dr. Short officiated Sunday mornings for Wilbur M. E. Church. The bride couple were attended by Miss Wida Solomon and Lieutenant John H. Robinson.

DAIRYMEN MEET JAN. 14

PROGRAMME FOR HILLSBORO SESSION IS ANNOUNCED.

Discussions by Practical Farmers and Stockmen Will Feature Meeting.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 4.—(Special).—Prof. P. M. Brandt, of the dairy department of the college, who is secretary of the Oregon Dairymen's Association, today announced the programme for the 27th annual convention of the association to be held January 14 and 15 in Hillsboro. The convention will take the place of the regular farmers' week and short course that usually is held at the Oregon Agricultural College.

A feature of the meetings will be discussions by practical farmers and dairymen. The convention will be followed immediately by a school for demonstration of the use and practicability of the gas engine and tractor. This will be under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College and the county agricultural agent at Hillsboro.

Following is the complete programme:

January 14—Address of welcome, William Schulmerich, president of Washington County Farm Bureau; Response, Frank L. Perry, president Oregon Dairymen's Association; "Does It Pay to Feed Grain to Cows on Pasture?" Roy C. Jones, county agricultural agent, Tillamook; "The Great Menace," Horace Addis, Portland; luncheon, 12 to 1:30 o'clock; address, "Cocoanut Meal vs. Cottonseed Meal," and "Bran vs. Barley," S. Pines, instructor in dairy husbandry, O. A. C.; "What Organization Really Means to the Dairymen," Alma D. Katz, president Oregon Dairymen's League; 7:30 P. M., "The Oregon Dairy Council," R. L. Sabin, Portland, secretary Merchants' Protective Association; "The Food Value of Dairy Products—How Really Vital They are," E. C. Callaway, city milk chemist, Portland; "Uncle Sam's Plan for Eradication of Tuberculosis," Sam B. Foster, business session, luncheon; "Some Factors Affecting the Cost of Milk Production," Thomas Carmichael, of Gaston, dairyman and breeder; "How Kale Can Be Used to Advantage to Reduce the Grain Ration," C. C. Dickson, of Shedd; "How to Treat Contagious Abortion," Dr. R. T. Simms, professor of veterinary medicine, O. A. C.

Enough time is to be given for complete discussion of each subject. Farmers from all parts of the state are making reservations at Hillsboro and a large attendance is predicted.

CITY INSPECTORS LAID OFF

LACK OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS GIVEN AS REASON.

Six Appointments Made as Result of Civil Service Examinations Conducted Recently.

Seven men employed as inspectors in the Department of Public Works will be out of the city's employ on February 13, having been temporarily laid off by order of City Commissioner Barbur yesterday. The lay-off is due, according to Commissioner Barbur, to a lack of public improvement work during the winter months.

Six other employees of the department were notified of their appointment as inspectors of public works, as a result of a recent civil service examination. These men are A. F. Fleming, J. T. Shanon, V. M. Fage, G. C. Harlow, W. J. Soverns and E. A. Chamberlain.

Four other inspectors have been promoted by Commissioner Barbur to positions of general foremen. The five new foremen are R. E. Hurlburt, F. Younger, J. Carr, C. A. Robinson and N. Reed.

The men who received notice of their lay-off are A. L. Powell, A. S. Groce, W. J. Idleman, D. Galbreath, J. N. Wheeler, J. J. McCarthy and W. A. Herman.

Vancouver Youths Arrested.

Paul Raymond, alias Meyers, and Jesse Williamson, 18-year-old Vancouver, Wash. boys, were arrested yesterday, charged with carrying concealed weapons. Both youths, the police declared, admitted that they had planned to use the revolvers, which were taken from Williamson's stepfather in Vancouver, to hold up and rob pedestrians in outlying districts of Portland.

Roseburg Baptists Have New Pastor.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Rev. J. H. Dickson arrived in Roseburg today to take the pastorate of the Baptist Church. The new pastor is highly educated and most of his ministerial work has been in New England. He is accompanied by his wife and three children. The oldest son enlisted in the Navy, and at the time was believed to be the youngest lad in that branch of the service.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

ROSE FESTIVAL 1919 GENERALLY FAVORED

Value of Event in Advertising Oregon Recognized.

THOUSANDS ENJOY HOLIDAY

Julius L. Meier Expresses Opinion That All Live Business Men Will Contribute to Fund.

Sentiment favorable to the celebration of the Portland Rose Festival in 1919 as a fitting event for the reconstruction year, seems to be crystallizing locally.

Value of the event in advertising the attractions of Oregon to the tourist and traveler and capitalizing the fact that the Portland rose is the matchless blossom in the flower gardens of the world are being recognized.

Julius L. Meier, of the Meier and Frank Company, yesterday expressed the sentiment of business men regarding the proposal to revive the festival which was allowed to lapse while war occupied the attentions of citizens.

Festival Always Successful.

"The Rose Festival has been a success from the first," said Mr. Meier. "It has been distinctive and has afforded the opportunity for an annual holiday for thousands of people who were delighted with the chance to come to the city for a few days at that season of the year."

"Large cities of the country have created individual festival events as a means of advertising their peculiar attractions. New Orleans has the Mardi Gras, St. Louis her Fêtes of Pallas, Seattle the Potlatch. Through the energy and public-spirited activity of citizens we established in the Rose Festival something that has been wonderfully beneficial in making Portland known throughout the country for the charm of the event."

Advertising Far-Reaching.

"From a business point of view I do not think the merchants gain from it. But the advertising results for the city and state as a whole are far-reaching. The Royal Rosarians have played a prominent part in previous festivals and I am heartily in favor of that organization taking the lead in plans for the event in 1919. Not alone in the festivals of the past, but in the splendid work representing the progressive spirit of this community on various occasions on trips to sister cities, the Rosarians have done an important service."

"We are willing to go down for \$500 to help start the fund for the festival. I do not believe you will find any live business man of our city in opposition to an event that has so conspicuously put Portland before the world, or one who will decline to contribute to the fund necessary for the 1919 festival. The cost is merely nominal and I feel that a majority of merchants will be glad to contribute."

Logger Has Fit in Postoffice.

D. Bolovan, a Russian logger, caused considerable commotion in the halls of the old Postoffice building, Fifth and Morrison streets, yesterday, when he was suddenly seized with violent convulsions. An officer who was on the scene succeeded in getting Bolovan out onto the front steps, where he held him until an ambulance arrived. Bolovan resides at 651 Front street. He came to Portland recently from a lumber camp. He has no relatives in the United States.

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THIN PEOPLE NEED BITROPHOSPHATE

"Take plain bitro-phosphate" is the advice of physicians to thin, delicate, nervous people who lack vim, energy and nerve force, and there seems to be ample proof of the efficiency of this recommendation. Moreover, if we judge from the countless preparations and treatments which are continually being advertised for the purpose of making thin people fleshy, developing arms, neck and bust, and replacing ugly hollows and angles by the soft curved lines of health and beauty, there are evidently thousands of men and women who keenly feel their excessive thinness. Thinness and weakness are usually due to starved nerves. Our bodies need more

How It Increases Weight, Strength and Nerve Force in Two Weeks' Time in Many Instances.

Physicians claim there is nothing that will supply this deficiency so well as the organic phosphate known among druggists as bitro-phosphate, which is inexpensive and is sold by most all druggists under a guarantee of satisfaction or money back. By feeding directly to the body cells with the necessary phosphoric food elements, bitro-phosphate quickly produces a welcome transformation in the appearance, the increase in weight frequently being astonishing.

This increase in weight also carries with it a general improvement in the health. Nervousness, sleeplessness and lack of energy, which nearly always accompanies excessive thinness, soon disappear, dull eyes become bright and pale cheeks glow with the bloom of perfect health.

CAUTION—Although Bitro-Phosphate is unrepresented for medicinal purposes, it should not be used by anyone who does not desire to put on flesh.

The Greatest of All Clearing Sales

January Clearing Sale!

The Event of a Lifetime—the Most Extraordinary Reductions in Local Retailing

CLOTH COATS

Fur Trimmed and Plain Cloth Coats in brown, taupe, navy and plum. Made of wool velours, Kersey cloth and burella cloths. **\$15.00**

VALUED UP TO \$25

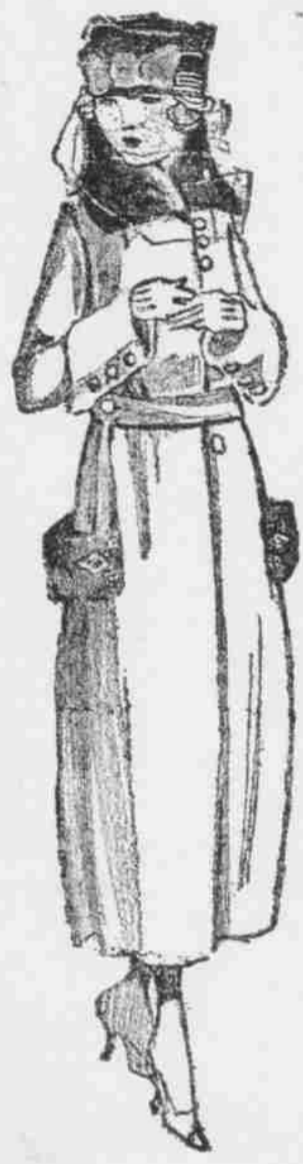
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All-Wool Velour Coats, fine Broadcloth Coats, Pompom Coats, Loose and Belted Coats with collars of fur.

JANUARY CLEARING SALE PRICE

The choicest Cloth Coats of the season. Made of Crystal Cloth, Silvertone, Bolivia, Pom Pom, All Wool Velour and Chiffon Broadcloths. In all wanted colors and newest models. Trimmed with raccoon, black opossum, nutria, Australian opossum, Hudson seal and many other fashionable furs. **\$32.50**

VALUES UP TO \$79.50



HIGH-GRADE SUITS

FINAL CLEAN-UP

If you paid from \$30 to \$55 for these Suits you would be getting the best suit you ever bought at that price—at \$15 and \$25. They are nothing short of marvelous values!

MATERIALS—SILVERTONES, BROADCLOTH, VELOURS AND SERGES—MANY FUR TRIMMED

VALUES UP TO \$40

January Clearing Sale Price

VALUES UP TO \$55

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\$19.50

\$27.50

January Clearing Sale of PLUSH COATS

Every Plush Coat Reduced in Price

Black and beaver pluses. Plain or fur trimmed—made of Esquimette plush, silk velours, Baffin seal and Yukon seal pluses. Coats with black opossum, raccoon, Australian opossum, muskrat and Coney collar and cuffs. Some with fur borders at bottom. In all new short lengths and full-length coats.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUES

\$19.75	\$29.75	\$39.75	\$55.00
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Fur Sale DRESSES

Values up to \$30 at \$10 and \$13.75

MATERIALS—Serge, Wool Jersey, Velvet, Charmeuse, Crepe de Chine, Lustreous Satin, Chiffon, Taffeta, Georgette, Crepe, Georgette and Satin combinations. Also black and navy.

All Sizes for Women and Misses

\$10 and \$13.75

KOREAN MINK CAPE—Newest models, very attractive. Manufactured to sell at \$175. Reduced to **\$87.50**

GENUINE LYNX FUR—48-inch length, beautiful head and tip. Values up to \$85. Reduced to **\$58.50**

Other good models, worth up to \$95, reduced to **\$54.50**

GENUINE FOX FURS—Colors Taupe, Brown and Red, also Cross Fox. Values up to \$100.00. Reduced to **\$59.50**

ONE LOT OF FURS consisting of Taupe, Brown, White Fox, Black Lynx and many others. Values up to \$65.00. Reduced to **\$32.50**

NATURAL RACCOON FUR SET—36-inch Scarf with beautiful round Muff. Valued at \$50. Reduced to **\$27.50**

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