

### CHAMBER PLEASED BY STATE LEGISLATION

Constructive Laws Enacted, Says Mr. Dodson.

### SETTLEMENT ACT LAUDED

Satisfaction Expressed Over Fact That Measures of Injurious Effect Were Defeated.

By far the greater part of worthy legislation introduced at the recent session was enacted, according to W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, while few measures of injurious effect were defeated or sidetracked.

"All of the larger constructive measures that we as a Chamber of Commerce urged upon the legislature were given serious consideration, and most of them enacted in the form of a law," said Mr. Dodson last night.

"In respect to the Port Commission bill No. 371 gives to the Port Commission the power, in the event it should ever decide to undertake the ownership and operation of steamships or steamboats, to issue up to a maximum of 5 per cent of the assets of the port in the port district. This, of course, cannot be done without a vote of the people.

### Port Bill Deemed Important.

"House bill No. 373 makes effective the constitutional amendment adopted by the people two years ago, which gives to port commissions the power of contracting with private parties in conjunction with ships and traffic development, and also to grant a bonus, a subsidy or an aid, to guarantee against excessive charges in the port, equalize fuel costs and all other port matters. We regard this as a very important bill, and is what we think will prove the last link in the chain of legislation adopted, giving to the port authorities all the power needed for the community to go forth, stimulate and command the traffic which the port is entitled to handle.

"Senate bill No. 243 gives the machinery for special elections which the Port Commission might decide to call, which machinery seemed not to exist under previous statutes.

"Senate bill No. 290, which changed the tenure of office of the commissioners to four years, and also changed the personnel of the commission, was passed at the legislature during the last days. A large number of business men of the community insisted that they had not been given opportunity to discuss the proposed changes and protested against the changes first suggested. Later, after several vigorous conferences, the personnel of the commission as finally presented by the delegation was approved by the business men working on the problem and practically a new commission came into existence. On this commission are several leading men of the community who, no doubt, will become influential factors in shaping the destinies of the port.

### Settlement Law Praised.

"The most constructive piece of legislation accomplished at Salem through the co-operation of the chamber was in connection with land reclamation and settlement.

"The land settlement commission plan, which was urged by the Oregon development bureau of the chamber, and has been submitted to a large number of national authorities on the subject, was made a legal entity. The governor was empowered to appoint five commissioners, who will take up a scientific and thorough study of land settlement. A portion of this plan involves the proving of what land can do on a sound, practical basis in any district of the state. Another portion of the measure gives the machinery for extending aid to the bona fide settler. Instead of this aid being extended through some great colonization scheme, such as California has undertaken and which has a higher prototype in Australia, the system will permit of aid being extended to a man seeking land in any part of the state. Many other aspects of the land settlement commission bill have been approved by experts in the work and the chamber is confident that it will work out with great benefit and advantage to the state of Oregon.

### Land Development in Prospect.

"The second important reconstruction issue presented was that of reclaiming Oregon lands. The measure submitted will provide the means whereby the state of Oregon may manage, on a permanent basis is deemed necessary, any proposal of the federal government for land development work in the state of Oregon, the government sharing a portion of the expense. This effort seems to have tremendous possibilities in view of the desire of the federal government to aid heavily in land reclamation work.

"A third feature of the reconstruction programme, and one which concerns more fully the subject of immediate employment of men, is the large building programme provided in the measure that will be submitted to the voters of the state. In conjunction with the state's building programme, provision has been made for a new penitentiary, heavy building operations at both the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college, the medical school at Portland, armories in various parts of the state, etc. This is calculated to give a large amount of employment and to meet some very urgent needs of the state of Oregon. It will have the effect of relieving the two great institutions of learning from serious difficulties that have confronted them for some time and advance their work probably five years.

### Chamber's Satisfaction Voiced.

"The chamber, in conjunction with the State Chamber of Commerce, will organize immediately to present to the voters of the state this reconstruction programme, so that it may be favorably received.

"A considerable number of bills were introduced in the early days of the session, which business men regarded as dangerous and harmful in their possibilities. After conferences with the business men in the respective lines of trade affected, effort was made to present to the legislative body a full, fair statement of the facts. As a result of a large number of presentations of this character, many of these bills were killed outright and a limited number of others were so modified that they were conceded fair to business rather than harmful and destructive.

"Taken as a whole, the chamber is very well satisfied with the result of the session and is confident that much good will come from many of the measures adopted and that a great deal of injury was averted by defeating many others that were introduced.

"The Tale of the Turk," tonight at Westminster church. It's free.—Adv.

### AMERICAN SOPRANO FAMOUS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD

Miss May Peterson Appears in Recital at Heilig Wednesday—Voice Is of Surprising Volume and Delicious Lightness.



MAY PETERSON, WHO IS TO SING AT HEILIG NEXT WEDNESDAY.

ONE of the treats of the present season will be the recital Wednesday evening by Miss May Peterson, who appears at the Heilig under the direction of Steers & Coman.

This gifted American soprano, whose reputation was firmly established in the great opera house of Europe before she appeared before her own people, made her debut at the Metropolitan opera, November 29 and repeated her triumph on December 10. Her successes in New York were only duplicates of her Parisian triumphs and in the concert field she has even outstripped her marvelous operatic records. To Miss

### RED CROSS ROOMS OPEN

WORK TO CONTINUE UNTIL LAST DEMAND IS MET.

Director of Lipman-Wolfe Shops Asks Portland Women to Keep Up Knitting.

Reports that the workroom on the eighth floor of the Lipman-Wolfe building had been closed by the American Red Cross were denied yesterday by R. V. Holder, assistant general manager.

"Not only is the workroom not closed, but there is no intention of closing it," said Mr. Holder. "In fact, it is very unlikely that either the workroom or the supply department will close for many months."

The rumors became prevalent when the executive board of the Red Cross decided to discontinue the operation of the sewing room, following the closing of the sewing room of the war relief auxiliary in the Spalding building.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. donated their entire floor to the Red Cross for the duration of the war. As many as 400 women a day have been accommodated there in the days when surgical dressings were of hourly moment. The attempt to handle sewing there was more or less of a failure, Portland women not responding to the appeal for workers.

"It is difficult to understand this," said R. F. Prael, director of the workroom. "For a wonderfully renewed interest is now being shown by our auxiliaries. These auxiliaries obtain all their supplies from the workroom, where also much preliminary work is done.

"We trust the auxiliaries will 'carry on' to the end. We shall never ask them for work when the need is not great."

Women who formerly gathered at the Lipman-Wolfe workroom or at the Spalding building rooms were asked by Mr. Prael to report to the nearest Red Cross auxiliary in their neighborhood, or to organize Red Cross auxiliaries of their own.

The main business of the Red Cross women workers, outside of that done by auxiliaries, is the resumption of



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### GERMAN LEADERS BLAMED

PEOPLE DECLARED TO BE KIND BUT MISDIRECTED.

B. F. Richter of Portland, in Army of Occupation, Writes, of Impressions.

Private B. F. Richter, Company E, Fourth Engineers, one of the Portland boys who has gone through the thick of the battles, is now with the army of occupation in Germany, and looking hopefully to a happy home-coming. Before entering the service he was employed by the Standifer Construction Corporation and was for a time engaged in engineering work in San Francisco with one of the Giant powder companies. In a letter written from Dungenheim to Miss Madeline Stone Richter tells some impressions of the Germans and of their country, as follows:

"The Rhine reminds me of the Columbia in places, only it has a regular channel and seems to stay where it was put. The current is swift for so large a stream. On both sides of the river are double track railroads with trains passing every few minutes loaded with coal and rutabagas, and one is never out of sight of a town or city.

"The German people we have come in contact with in this part of Germany think the Kaiser a good man who did all he could to avert the war. They say he held out against the submarine warfare but was overruled by his ministers. They also believe the Russians, French and Belgians were the aggressors who struck the first blow. They regard our entry into the war as the result of a blunder made by the men who shaped Germany's U-boat policy. In other words, they claim that one blunder and hard luck had most to do with their defeat. Many of them have said that the Americans never saw their best soldiers. They have been killed in the war before we came, and that they doubt if any other country, America included, could have put up the fight they put up.

"It seems to me the German people have no ideals. Their minds are warped by years of propaganda, not the least of which was organized by the church. They still are very proud of the achievements of their army, which leads one to think they believe it could do no wrong. I have seen some of them very angry in arguing and have so become myself when I think of our boys lying out in France. Last night I made one man so mad and sad he actually cried at what he said Germany had suffered at the hands of the rest of the world. It is pathetic, but it is serious. They have a ready answer for every crime with which they are charged—an answer that has been dashed out to them by editors and propagandists. When every semblance of reason fails they invoke the law of necessity as the basis of their actions. They justify Bismarck's policy and treatment accorded France in 1871 as necessary in the interest of Germany, would not be at the mercy of France.

"To us they are generous and kindly and even solicitous of our health. When we are sick they have seen them get up in the night to make hot tea or to give a cough syrup. All of which goes to show that they could have been just as good as they have been wicked, if they had only had the right kind of leaders.

"They cannot understand our not wanting anything in the way of settlements. Some have said they expected we would demand Rhineland province or at least many of Germany's ships as our part of the spoils. To the victor belong the spoils is axiomatic with them."

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knitting, and knitters, both individually and by auxiliaries, are urged to enroll once more with the Red Cross until the yarn on hand is all knitted up.

### Man Killed Between Cars.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 1.—(Special).—E. E. Goodwin, of 703 West Eighteenth street, this city, was killed about 2:30 A. M. today at Washougal, when he was caught between two cars while the train was switching. He is survived by a wife and family.

It has been noticed that the ash tree is very injurious to vegetation under its shade, while scarcely any plant will grow under a yew.

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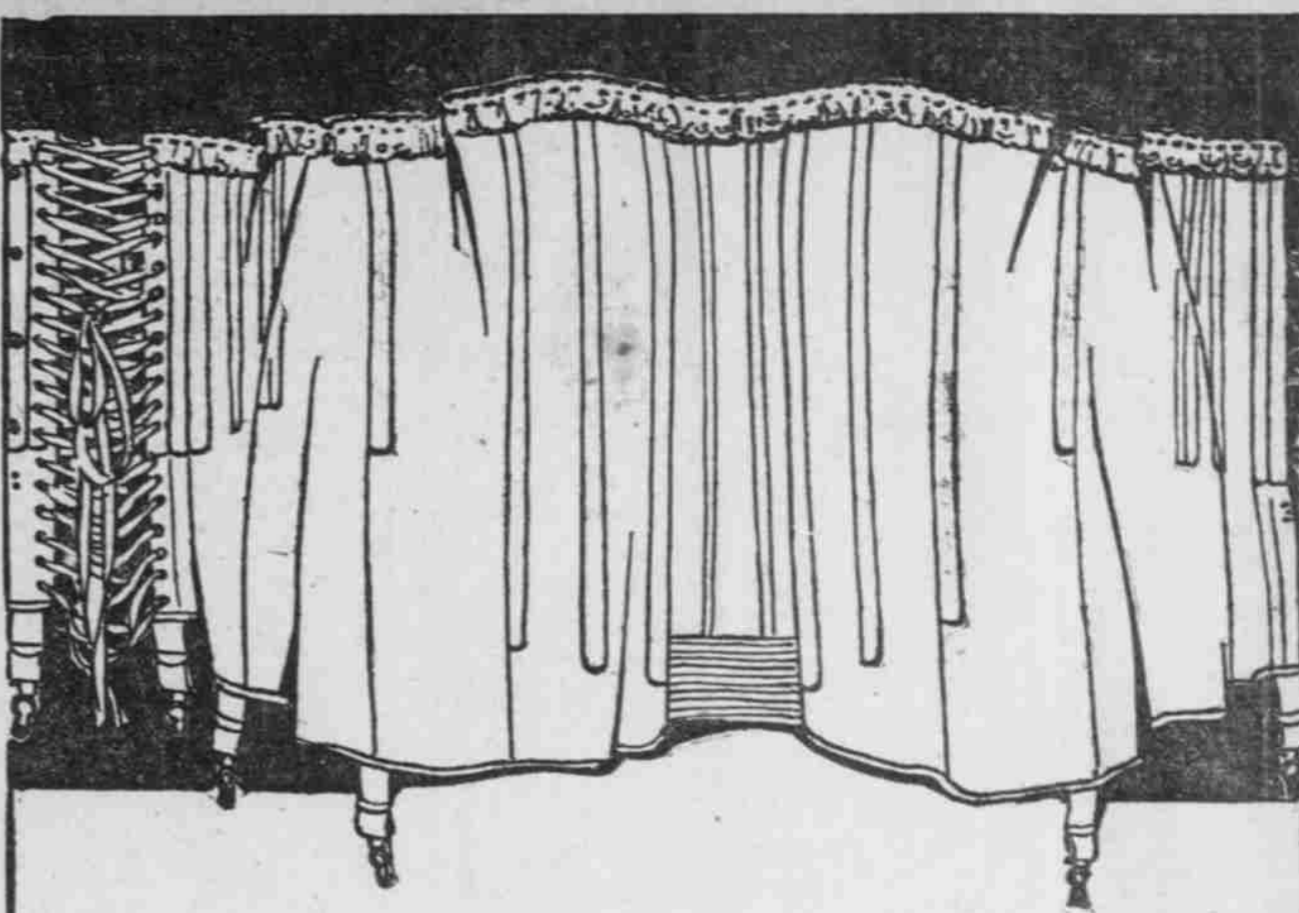
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