

### WOULD INCREASE JUDGES' SALARIES

#### Thompson's Bill Provides for \$4000 per Year for Circuit Judges; Now \$3000.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Jan. 20.—All circuit judges in the state of Oregon will receive \$4000 a year salary to be paid them by the state, if a bill introduced in the house yesterday afternoon by W. Lair Thompson of Crook, Grant, Klamath and Lake counties, is enacted. At present the state pays its circuit judges \$3000 and its supreme justices \$4500.

Some counties now pay circuit judges a salary in addition to the \$3000 paid them by the state. Such is the case in Multnomah county, where circuit judges now draw \$4000 a year, \$8000 from the state and \$1000 additional from the county of Multnomah.

A bill to pay the circuit judge of the eighth judicial district, Baker county, an additional \$1000, enacted by the legislative session of 1909 was referred to the people and unmercifully defeated by the voters at the general election in November last.

A bill has also been introduced this session including the pay of the two circuit judges in the fifth district, which is comprised of Columbia, Clatsop, Clackamas and Washington counties, to \$4000. Each of the counties is to pay each of the judges \$250 in addition to the \$3000 received from the state, if this bill introduced by Miller of Columbia is adopted.

### PILOT SCHOONER SAN JOSE SOURCE OF BIG EXPENSE

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acter and steady habits, and to give a bond for the faithful and skillful performance of his duty, in the sum of \$5000.

If the position taken by those pilots who do not take out licenses and by the attorney general in his opinion to this board is correct, there is little inducement for anyone to take out a license, and thus handicap himself by having to maintain a good character, be sober industrious and give a bond in the sum of \$5000 for the faithful and skillful performance of his duty as a pilot. It

seems to this board that it must be only a question of time when no licenses will be taken out by pilots on the Columbia and Willamette rivers. While there are no pilots engaged in piloting on the Columbia river bar other than licensed pilots, so far as this board is informed upon the subject, the same question may at any time arise regarding them and their services.

**Want State to Operate Boats.**  
If the bar pilots were to take the same position with some of the river pilots and refuse to take out licenses this state would present the spectacle of a great commonwealth with a large ocean commerce without a licensed pilot at the entrance to its greatest port. It is the belief of this board that the state of Oregon should maintain a power pilot schooner of its own, upon which pilots, licensed by the state board of pilot commissioners, may serve and be accommodated in order that under any and all contingencies the great commerce of this port may be served by a sufficient number of capable licensed pilots at all times.

"The commerce of Oregon is certainly large enough to justify the necessary expenditure therefor, and under such conditions we believe that a sufficient number of capable licensed pilots may be kept at all times and under all circumstances at the entrance of the Columbia river. Under present conditions such pilots as the Port of Portland are fit to accept may find service upon their tugboats and upon their pilot schooner. It should be within the power of the state, through its agents, to qualify pilots and to assign them to duty upon a power schooner provided by the state."

**BRONSON ADVISES BUILDERS TO BUY ALL LUMBER NOW**  
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producers at their mills. For example the United States forest service reports the average price of No. 2 yellow pine flooring in Texas at \$9.18 a thousand feet; in Arkansas, \$9.42; in Louisiana, \$8.82; in Mississippi, \$8.07; in Alabama, \$8.60. These prices were for July, August and September, 1910, which months the last report covers. The average price at southern mills for No. 3 common boards is today about \$6.25, as shown by reports of the Yellow Pine association. No. 2 hemlock dimension is selling at the Wisconsin mills at about \$10 a thousand feet, and No. 1 at various prices from \$10 to \$16. The Pacific coast is selling ordinary building lumber very low, owing to its distance from the markets. Low grade boards, scantling, etc., have sold within the last few weeks as low as \$4.50 a thousand feet, which is far below the cost of production. The forest service reported the mill price of common dimension in Washington during the sum-

### High Priced Grades Are Scarce.

"Some kinds of good lumber are high in price, owing to their scarcity. High grade white pine lumber cannot be secured in sufficient quantities to supply the demand, and so if a buyer requests clear, wide, thick, white pine, which was abundant 40 years ago, he must pay what might be considered fancy prices for it; but finishing lumber in western white pine is selling at a moderate price, while common boards are quoted by the forest service at \$14.84.

"To these prices secured by the manufacturers at the mills must be added the cost of transportation, which may range, according to distance, anywhere from \$2.50 to \$18 a thousand feet; also the cost of handling the lumber at destination out of cars and into lumber piles, delivery to buyers and profit to the dealer. These facts are seldom taken into account by the ordinary lumber consumer, who does not realize that where the lumber used 25 or 30 years ago probably was transported an average of 300 miles now it must be transported an average of not less than 600 miles.

**Now is Time to Buy Lumber.**  
"Now is the time to buy lumber for ordinary building purposes. Building lumber will never be cheaper than it is today, and already there are signs that prices will advance. This is inevitable, because the laws of supply and demand insure in the long run goods being sold for more than the cost of making them, and when for a time they have been sold below or at cost the

failure of producers and, therefore, the curtailment of product by the shutting down of bankrupt plants, will bring prices back to a reasonable basis. Therefore, the home-builder in any part of the country is able, so far as the saw-mill men are concerned, to secure lumber today at prices which are not likely to be duplicated in the future."

### MIKADO TRIES TO CARRY WATER ON BOTH SHOULDERS

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to suppress. All through Tokio and in the other cities of the empire the leaders of free thought are gathering their forces to present petitions to the mikado urging clemency for all the prisoners. It will be urged that no good can come to the emperor by persecuting liberal thinkers.

**Other Powers May Secretly Protest.**  
Partisans of Kotoku and his fellow prisoners have received promises from the Socialistic centers of both Europe and America that every possible effort will be made to procure from their governments representations to the government of Japan counselling against the execution of the 12 prisoners condemned. There is no anticipation that anything stronger than unofficial and secret interposition will be made, but this, coupled with the undoubted restlessness of the people here, gives it is thought, a fair chance that the lives of the Kotoku group of Socialists may yet be saved.

**Japan to Send "Demonstration Train."**  
"Whatever the ultimate fate of Kotoku and his followers may be, it is certain that Japan is writhing under the world wide criticism of their trial and sentence. The charge made abroad that "Japan is a barbaric nation" has struck

den of the association, and C. N. Bennett of Astoria secretary and treasurer, Leonard Carpenter of Medford, T. L. Bogart of Eganston, Ill., and W. R. Butchart of Hood River were chosen as members of the executive committee.

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home. How deeply it has struck is indicated today in the unofficial announcement that Count Okuma, a leader in political affairs, will visit England and America during the coming summer with the idea, it is believed, of stemming the tide of adverse criticism developed by the Socialist incident.

Count Okuma has never been abroad before. In his entourage, if it is finally decided that he shall make the trip, will be a number of the other leaders of Japan's political and military life, and the whole affair will be designed to offset the charge that the mikado's empire in any way lacks either the incidents or the spirit of a modern power.

### Students Organize.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 20.—The 1911 Short Course association of O. A. C. was formed here this week by the students in attendance at the short winter courses of the college and numerous entertainments are being planned for the next month in order that the men who represent the various agricultural interests of the state may "get together." Z. L. Chamberlain of Newberg was elected presi-

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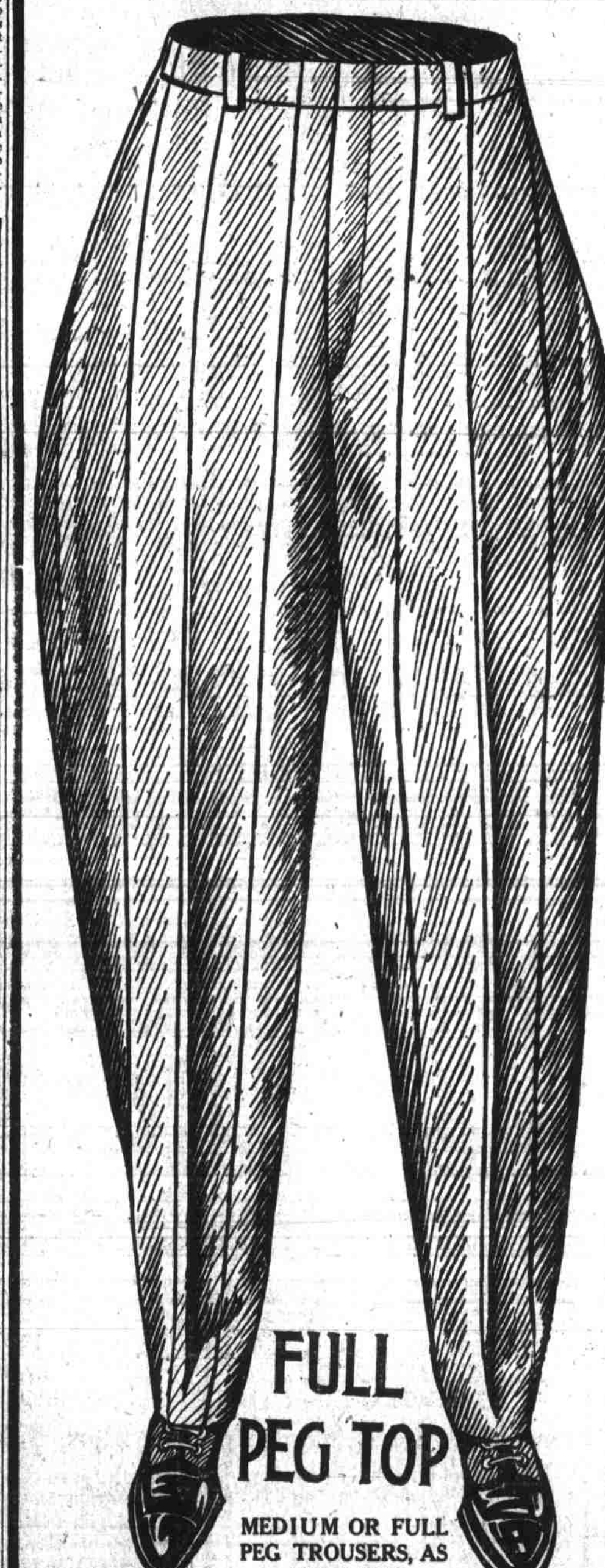
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