

FEDERATION MAY OUST LAWRENCE; FIGHT IS BITTER

Labor Member of House Who Introduced the Workmen's Compensation Measure Is Called Before Body.

(Staff Correspondence.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 22.—One of the stormiest sessions in history of the State Federation of Labor is being held today over the workmen's compensation bill, now before the legislature. Some of the more radical members of the federation have gone so far as to demand that Representative A. W. Lawrence of Multnomah, who introduced the measure in the house, be expelled from the federation. The more conservative members say, however, that this sentiment will not prevail when the matter comes to a vote.

Yesterday afternoon a resolution was introduced in the federation censuring Representative Lawrence for introducing the compensation measure, and Lawrence was called before the federation to be given an opportunity to be heard. In the heated argument and cross-questioning which followed he defended his position and declared that so long as organized labor was divided on the question the federation had no right to condemn him.

When one of the delegates questioned his right to champion this bill while he was carrying a labor union's card in his pocket, he reported that he was elected to the house of representatives to serve the people of Multnomah county, and not to serve any one class. It is said this reply greatly increased the bitterness that exists.

The hardest fight against the compensation bill is being made by building trades unions and electrical workers, who are engaged in more hazardous occupations. They are arguing that the present liability law has made employers more careful of their employees with the result that fewer accidents have occurred. They are taking the stand that they will get better protection from injury under the old law than they would if the compensation bill was enacted.

The arguments are being made in executive session behind closed doors, and when adjournment was taken at noon today, W. A. Marshall, one of three labor members of the commission that drafted the compensation bill, was making an address in defense of the measure.

It is thought that some action on the measure will be taken by the federation some time this evening. If the federation passes resolutions opposing it, then it is probable that action will be taken censuring Representative Lawrence.

J. J. EDGREN, REALTY DEALER, PASSES AWAY

John J. Edgren, a well known realty dealer and manager of the American-Scandinavian Realty company, died last night at his residence, 1180 Delaware street. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but it will probably be held next Sunday.

Mr. Edgren contracted a severe cold about two weeks ago when on a trip in his automobile to his lands in Clackamas county, near Oregon City, and it developed into pneumonia. Yesterday morning his condition was much improved, but last night he had a sinking spell, and he expired from heart failure.

Mr. Edgren was born in Sweden about 45 years ago and is survived by the widow and three children, one daughter and two sons, the younger aged 1 year. Mr. Edgren had been especially instrumental in the development of Clackamas county and was the establish of the communities Felida and Outlook, near Gladstone.

Sickness Detains Judge.

After appearing one day, Monday, following his return from California, Circuit Judge Morrow was taken ill with a severe cold and has been unable to attend court. This morning he was reported as being confined to his bed.

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COUNCIL DEFERS ACTION ON SALARY BOOST REQUEST

Recommendation of Ways and Means Committee to Be Considered at Meeting to Be Held Friday.

No salaries were raised by the city council today. On the contrary, the council deferred consideration of the annual appropriation bills, as recommended by the ways and means committee, until next Friday morning when the lawmakers will meet as a committee of the whole and pass upon the proposed wage increases, which aggregate \$25,000 a year.

An effort was made by Councilman Wallace of the ways and means committee to have the matter considered finally today, but Councilman John Montague, J. J. Jennings and Will H. Daly declared that the subject is of such great importance to taxpayers that a special meeting should be held. Councilman Montague advocated appointing a special committee to provide a graduated schedule of salaries.

Mayor Rushlight called attention to the fact that, in his annual message to the council, he recommended that a merit system should be adopted in the payment of all salaries. He said that some of the increases recommended by the ways and means committee are deserving and others are not. But it will be necessary for the council to pass the annual appropriation ordinances with emergency clauses attached if the employees of various departments are to get paid on the first of the month, as usual.

May Make Cut.
It is probable that the appropriation measures will show a great many of the increases already recommended and that some reductions will be made when the council meets Friday.

The council at this morning's session recommended the enactment by the legislature of three proposed laws and authorized Mayor Rushlight and City Attorney Grant to go to Salem in behalf of the measures. One of these provides for the operation and maintenance of bridges across the Willamette river inside the limits of Portland by the county. Heretofore the greater portion of the expense has been borne by the city.

In addition, this measure provides for a uniform toll of three cents for each passenger crossing any bridge in any direction.

The second of the three proposed laws will, if passed, make it easier for municipalities to provide grade crossings where railroad tracks traverse streets. Heretofore it has been next to impossible to have overhead viaducts constructed because the property owners affected have remonstrated out such proposed improvements.

Right Taken Away.
Under the contemplated law the right of remonstrance is taken away from property owners, who must pay a considerable portion of the cost of such grade crossings, as determined by a jury of viewers.

The third law is one that has been recommended by the city park board. It places the planting of trees on public parkways and streets and on county roads under the jurisdiction of the county courts, except inside of cities where the park boards are given jurisdiction.

Bids for the paving of the great Thompson street district were opened by the council. Eight bids in all were tendered. The three lowest were as follows: Montague-O'Reilly company, for asphaltic concrete, \$107,280; Oregon Hauling Paving company, for basaltum, \$118,179; Warren Construction company, for gravel bituminous, \$113,323.

John Davis, an 18-year-old boy, convicted in the police court on several charges and now serving a term on the rock quarry, was granted a pardon.

Pioneer Perishes in Drift.
Spokane, Wash., Jan. 22.—Perishing in the cold while trying to reach Ponca station from his isolated homestead on upper St. Joe river, Idaho, the body of C. A. Hill, a pioneer of Wallace, was found almost buried in snow on the mountain trail last night. Only one hand protruded above the snow. This attracted passersby. Hill operated a cigar store in Wallace for years.

INSURANCE BILL SCORED AS REAL THREAT TO STATE

Passage of the Measure Would Make State Violator of Anti-Trust Law, It Is Declared; Merits and Demerits.

"Oregon people have paid insurance companies \$13,000,000 in premiums during the past five years. This is \$5,000,000 more than has been received in fire losses," said W. B. Reese of the Columbia Trust company this morning. "Should the insurance bill now before the legislature be enacted this kind of profits would be guaranteed by law. The same bill would recognize and legalize the minimum prescribed by the board of underwriters, which is nothing more than the insurance trust. As has been said, this would make Oregon a party to a trust, and a violator of the anti-trust law."

"It seems no question is given less heed or is more important to the people than this fire insurance issue."

"One hundred and four stock companies are doing an insurance business in the state today. Eighty per cent of these are organized and affiliated with what is known as the board of fire underwriters."

"These in the organization are pledged to maintain a stipulated rate. Those outside the organization have liberty to make any rate which may be profitable."

Rate War Threatens.
"If the board's minimum schedule were made law, writing insurance for less would become a punishable misdemeanor."

"If the bill is not passed the trust threatens a rate war—cutting down until the smaller companies are forced out of business. Well, let me say that nothing could be more devastating to the people of Oregon than such a rate war. It would result in clearing up many little understood conditions. As a representative of companies outside the trust, I would almost invite such a rate war."

Reese added that the vast profits of the insurance companies operating in Oregon has naturally aroused competition. One way of meeting that competition which has resulted in the companies outside the trust writing about 40 per cent of the insurance, says Mr. Reese, is the introduction of the bill into the legislature.

"They are about to succeed," said he. "In getting the state legislature to pass a law compelling all companies to file at the first of each year a schedule of rates which must be deviated from during that year, and, inasmuch as we have no efficient rating system other than that maintained by the board, it will practically necessitate a unanimous compliance with the rate authorized by the board."

Must Maintain Rate.
"In the event that other companies may file a schedule of rates it will be maintained throughout the year. Regardless of how favorably they may look upon one building they must maintain the schedule of rates filed for that particular year."

"No two buildings in the state are alike, no more than any two people are alike. If identical as to physical condition, they would vary to an extent as to moral conditions. Consequently, a company in filing a schedule of rates cannot make the most hazardous class as their basis for a charge. Thus the owner and occupant of a new and well-constructed building in prosperous condition and locality, would be deprived of any consideration and benefits due him on account of the healthful conditions."

The enactment of the insurance bill has been recommended by Insurance Commissioner J. W. Ferguson, and Mr. Reese in his statement criticizes the propriety of this recommendation, saying:

"Recommendation Is Criticized.
"It appears to me as if those employed by the people of Oregon in the insurance business, who are to be their duty not to ally themselves with any combine placing a minimum price on insurance, but devoting their time to the examining and weighing of the companies who enter the state to determine definitely whether or not they are thoroughly capable of indemnifying the contracts they issue. Such stamp of approval should be the assurance of the property owner, and thus depriving the board companies of their common practice of preaching to the people that a company not affiliated with the board of underwriters was of a wildcat nature and not worthy of consideration even though they offered some inducement as to rates."

Mr. Reese's position is that if insurance is of merit, its selling price is of concern only to the vendor, in the same way that it is the business of the merchant, and none other, as to the price for which he sells his goods, when they are good. He quoted, too, from the agreement of the board of underwriters which in part says:

Statement Is Made.
"Membership shall consist exclusively of such fire insurance companies as, through a principal representative, shall have signed this constitution. Such signature shall bind the company as to its operations throughout the jurisdiction of the board. No company shall become or remain a member of this board whose principal representative represents a company not a member."

And ends by stating: "If a majority of the board companies in any agency decide that they are suffering by competition from companies not members of the board, in said agency, all members in the agency shall simultaneously withdraw therefrom."

In the meanwhile, under penalties, rule 14, it states: "Upon conviction of a violation of any provision of this board of general rules of this board for which a penalty is not otherwise provided, an agent or broker may be required to pay to the treasurer of this board a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$100. With this evidence it would look as though if the people of Oregon were compelled to abide by a rate fixed by the board of underwriters that the cost of insurance would be so excessive that the people would drift to inter-insurance, and eventually state insurance, which from an agency standpoint would practically mean elimination."

Arrested for Horse Stealing.
(Special to The Journal.)
Hood River, Or., Jan. 22.—E. W. Moore of Baker county was arrested in Hood River Saturday on information from Baker county authorities that he was wanted in Baker for horse stealing.

Street Is Declared
TO BE "UNSAFE"

As the result of an inspection made by Thomas P. Freney, chief of maintenance of way of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., the inner track on Montgomery drive, from Twentieth street to Carter, Portland Heights, has been declared unsafe for travel by streetcars, due to the slide which has taken place.

Ten men were placed at work this morning to clear up the inside track. In the opinion of Mr. Pumfrey, a dangerous condition of affairs exists. The slide of the hill has forced the retaining wall at the curve north of Carter street, three feet out of line, and is liable to go out at any time. Traffic upon Portland Heights has been seriously interfered with by the landslide situation, and the street has been closed to the street bridge.

RATIFIES AMENDMENT
FOR DIRECT ELECTION

(Staff Correspondence.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 22.—Just before going into joint session today to declare the people's choice for United States senator, the state senate today ratified the amendment to the United States constitution which would bring all states within the same system of electing senators.

The ratification of the amendment, which was submitted to the states by congress last summer, was accomplished by unanimous vote of the senate, all members voting. There was no debate.

VETERAN CAPTAIN DIES SUDDENLY Geo. E. Delano, Aged 62, Is Stricken With Heart Failure.

With the sudden death yesterday of George E. Delano, captain of the schooner W. H. Marston, passed another representative of that disappearing type of sturdy American seamen who at one time made Uncle Sam's merchant marine the fleetest on the seas.

Captain Delano, who was one of the best known sea captains on the Pacific coast, died from an attack of heart failure in the office of the St. Johns Lumber company. His vessel is loading at the company's dock. The attack came on without warning, and until examination of the body showed a diseased heart, it had never been suspected that he was troubled with such a malady. He was 62 years of age, and had been ill.

From the time he was a boy of 15, Captain Delano sailed the seas. Several times in recent years he retired, fully determined to end his days as a landman, and as many times he returned to the life he had known from youth.

Sails Many Seas.
Prior to his arrival on the Pacific coast 25 years ago, he had sailed on the Atlantic out of Maine ports, and during his long term of service visited virtually all the nations of the world whose borders touch any of the oceans.

Two years ago he retired again, but quickly decided to sea once more and had only recently returned from a voyage to South America. He was preparing for another ocean journey when death claimed him.

Captain Delano was born in Sheepscot, Maine, July 22, 1851. When he was 16 years of age he shipped on a clipper and at 21 was master. His first ship was the clipper Virginia. His second ship was the Seminole, which voyaged from Bath, Maine, to foreign ports. For a number of years he sailed the Atlantic and 20 years ago took up his residence at Tacoma, Wash. There he went into partnership with R. W. Barclay in a ship chandlery business, and in addition acted as pilot on Puget sound until 12 years ago, when he captained ships sailing for the Simpson Lumber company of San Francisco.

Mr. Delano was married to Edith H. Weeks of New Orleans. Two children were born of the union. They are Mrs. S. C. Slocum, wife of Dr. Slocum of 731 Kearney street, and Wallace Delano, who resides in San Francisco. His widow, who is in Tacoma, was notified last night of his death, and pending his arrival in Portland.

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FAKE ADVERTISING GAVE PLAYING BY HARDWARE MEN

Convention to Go on Record in Favor of Honest Goods; A. G. Clark Sounds Keynote in Speech Today.

"Fake advertisers" were lambasted and Oregon Hardware and Implement Dealers' association was called upon to join in the campaign against the publication of untruthful advertisements, by A. G. Clark, ex-president of the Ad club, in an address delivered before the convention this afternoon at the Imperial hotel.

Mr. Clark's address was the principal one delivered this afternoon and it is expected that the convention will go on record as favoring honest goods and honest advertising as a result of agitation in this direction which he leads. Others who made addresses were Colonel E. Hofer of Salem, who spoke on "Oregon Made Goods," and J. Riley Craven of Dallas, who chose for his subject, "What's What in Hardware."

Regarding fake advertising and its effect on trade, Mr. Clark said in part: "Must Go After Business."

"The day has gone when business walked up and introduced itself. Today must go out after business and keep after it if we get it at all. And once we capture trade, it must be taken care of properly or it passes along to the fellow who is willing and does the proper thing."

The big change has taken place. The whole business of merchandising is on a higher level than the world has ever known. The chief influence for present conditions is publicity. Wrong doors, individuals and corporations are published. Publicity has taken the place of the old "square deal" and "square trade." Dishonesty, lies are destroyed by the sunlight of publicity. Advertising is the principal form of commercial publicity and exerts a great influence upon business morality.

"Whenever a business concern comes out in the open and advertises that it makes goods of certain quality and proposes to follow certain principles it has established not only a standard of excellence but has provided itself with a great incentive for living up to it."

"The big bulk of advertising is clean, but there is enough untruthful, misleading and deliberately fraudulent advertising to reduce one third the power and influence of the truthful advertiser."

"It is up to every organization that stands for higher ideals and practices to run up its flag and nail it. Truth is an asset; a lie a liability."

Among those who addressed the convention yesterday was Dr. W. E. Taylor, director of soil culture for Deere & Co. of Moline, Ill.

He declared it was the duty of the hardware dealers to assist the farmer in every way possible to increase the productivity of his land. In this connection he advised hardware men to spread the gospel of scientific treatment of the land.

Parcel post was also considered yesterday and opinion was divided regarding its probable effects upon the retail trade.

Beginning today, the remaining sessions are open to delegates only. The attendance of yesterday was augmented considerably today and about 200 delegates are registered.

LANE ASKS DIRECT
POPULAR ELECTION
OF U. S. SENATORS

(Continued From Page One.)

of embarrassment, that I find myself before you. I appreciate that it is an unusual proceeding for an assembly such as this to elect a man of the minority party to this highest office within your power. Yet it is the will of the people, and as such it is the right and proper thing to do.

"But I wish to speak seriously to you about our present method of electing United States senators. Our system in Oregon is cumbersome. As a matter of fact, it does bring about the election of the United States senator by a minority."

"I realize that I, myself, am elected by a minority, though I received the highest popular vote cast for any candidate of the people."

"We should change this. We should have a different system. I believe we should adopt the preferential system of election, with one election, and requiring that the successful candidate should have 50 per cent of the votes of the people."

"The fact, however, that our present system causes an election by a minority does not change the fact that under the old system this was still more true. In the past we have often had a United States senator elected in this state by one half of 1 per cent of the people."

"Yet the present system is cumbersome, I repeat. It is slow. When I arrive in Washington, I shall have been working for this office for nearly a year. We should make our election more clearly a direct election."

Turning then to the United States senate, in which he will take his seat, succeeding Senator Jonathan Borne on the fourth of March next, Dr. Lane said:

"The United States senate, in my opinion, will never be as it was. The old days have passed, never to return. The senate is more nearly representative now of the wishes of the people. Either it must be so, or, in my opinion, it will cease to exist."

Dr. Lane then briefly expressed appreciation for his Democratic opponents in the primary who, he said, had taken off their coats and rolled up their sleeves to go out and work for him. Therein, he said whimsically, he had been more fortunate than the candidates of the majority party.

Then in concluding he said with feeling: "I take it that you, as Republicans, and I as a Democrat, are only citizens together of the United States. Our interests are the same, and I do my duty for you as I would do it for my own party, for the reason that it is my duty to you as citizens."

"You will find me true to you, a kindly neighbor and a friendly citizen." An amusing incident nearly deprived Dr. Lane of the chance to make a speech. By motion of Senator Milton A. Miller a committee composed of Senators Miller and J. C. Smith and Representatives Brunt, Roman and Mitchell had been sent to find Dr. Lane and escort him before the legislature.

The committee hunted for 10 minutes, while the assembly waited, but couldn't find Lane. Then a hurry up message came from Governor West, who was on the platform with other state officials, directing them to look in his office. The governor had just recollected that Dr. Lane was locked in there.

Dr. Lane was quickly released and came on the floor smiling broadly.

CITY COUNCIL IN TELEPHONE FIGHT

City Attorney to Attend Foreclosure Proceedings to Prevent Monopoly.

The fight of the Home Telephone company to retain independent long distance service in the northwest was transferred to the city council this morning. At the instance of Richard W. Montague, attorney for the Home Telephone company, George L. Baker introduced a resolution which virtually makes the city a party to the foreclosure proceedings upon bonds of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company to be heard next Monday in the circuit court.

The effect of this hearing if conducted in accordance with the resolution drafted by Mr. Montague would be to determine if the Bell interests are not attempting to create a telephone monopoly in the northwest. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, The foreclosure proceedings upon bonds of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company are now pending, and the trial thereof is to take place before the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Multnomah county, Monday, January 27, 1913, and

"Whereas, It is charged and admitted that such foreclosure is in the interest of the Bell Telephone monopoly, which will by purchase, under the same, acquire a complete monopoly of the long distance telephone business in this territory, and

"Whereas, It is the declared policy of the city of Portland to encourage and promote competition in the telephone business, now therefore, in the telephone business, and do they wish to be at the mercy of the Bell Telephone monopoly," said J. C. Potter, auditor of the Home Telephone company, this morning.

"In 1905, 95 per cent of the vote cast by the people of Portland favored granting franchise to the Home Telephone company in order that there might be competition in the telephone business. Have the Portland people changed their minds since 1905?"

An Interesting Feature
The Journal's poultry department, published every Saturday, offers interesting news and information to poultry fanciers. Read these columns.

THEATRES — AMUSEMENTS — ENTERTAINMENTS

HEILIG THEATRE—
11TH AND MORRISON.
PHONE MAIN 1 AND A-1122
Prices, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c.

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PORTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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BAKER THEATRE—
Main 2, A. 5350
Geo. L. Baker, Manager.

Orpheum
Thrilling scenes. Evens, 25c, 50c, 75c. All Mats, 25c. Next week, "The Gambler."

NEXT WEEK AT THE ORPHEUM
SARAH BERNHARDT